

## **Report of the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure 2010**

1. During the year the following members served on this Committee:

Peter Duncan, SC (Chairman)  
Andrew Bruce, SC  
James McGowan  
Giles Surman  
Dominic Yeung  
Martyn Richmond  
Maggie Wong  
Edwin Choy  
Audrey Campbell-Moffat  
Derek Chan  
Felix Hoe

2. The Committee considered a number of matters, including the following, and reported to the Bar Council accordingly:

- (a) Draft Practice Direction (“PD”) for Complex Commercial Crime Trials (PD now in force).
- (b) Conviction Rates in Hong Kong and the associated question of Jury Trials in Hong Kong.
- (c) Taking of Evidence by way of live TV Link: Comments on proposed HC (Amendment) Rules.
- (d) Comments on Draft PD in relation to Applications for Stay of Proceedings (PD now in force).
- (e) The Law Reform Consultation Paper on Double Jeopardy.
- (f) Visits to and Communication with Detained persons and prisoners (proposed new police rules).

3. I take this opportunity of thanking members of the Committee for their support.

Peter Duncan, SC  
Chairman  
Special Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure

2 December 2010