There are considerable press reports recently suggesting that we opposed the establishment of a third law school. This is not quite accurate. Our basic position is that we do welcome healthy competition. Our concerns are twofold. First, this is a decision of major importance to Hong Kong. There is very little public discussion on whether there should be three law schools in Hong Kong. This is not a private initiative but a proposal involving a huge amount of public funding. The public is at least entitled to know and to debate on the justifications and the need for setting up a third law school, and whether this is the best way to use public funding to achieve whatever might be the purposes identified for setting up a third law school. Secondly, if there is a need for more law students (and indeed we believe so), then more resources should be allocated to this cause. Compared with the situation 5 years ago, there is no net increase in the number of law students produced, yet they are to be produced by 3 different law schools under the proposal.

Another recent debate is on mixed mode funding of our PCLL. So far, we have been averaging out the costs of UGC funded places and self-funded places in our PCLL programme and manage to charge an annual tuition fee of $55,000. But this will terminate at the end of the current academic year. Last year the UGC decided that, as a matter of policy, mixed mode funding would no longer be allowed as it involved cross subsidy for self-funded programme. As a result, from 2005-06 onwards, we have to charge two separate fees, one at $42,100, the UGC-funded level, and another at $95,000, the self-funded level, when students of these two streams attend the same class, are taught by the same teacher, and take the same examination. Coupled with a reduction in UGC-funded PCLL places, the likely result is that some good students would not be able to complete their legal qualification because of financial reason.

We argued for the continuation of the mixed mode funding policy, as it would enable us to educate more qualified students without costing more for the Government. The UGC should be concerned with the quality rather than the number. The UGC simply repeated its stance of not permitting cross subsidy. But what’s wrong with cross subsidy if the same amount of public funding can benefit more people and the quality is maintained? With a declining budget for the universities, how could we produce enough graduates to meet the challenges of moving towards a knowledge economy if the University is not allowed to use public funding in an innovative and flexible manner? In 1999 the Government adopted a rigid stance against Mainland born children to have the right of abode in Hong Kong, on the ground that the community could not afford it. Five years later the Chief Secretary is urging Hong Kong people to give birth to more children. Are we going to repeat the same story in tertiary education? The UGC owes the public a satisfactory answer.
Cover photo: Members of Class 1973 reunited with their former teachers at the anniversary dinner.

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**Dean’s message**

The Law Alumni Association helped the Faculty in hosting the Homecoming on 6 November 2004. The kids loved the magician, the little pig and the 35th anniversary t-shirt designed by a second year law student. The t-shirt, for alumni and kids, comes in 3 colours.

The Law Association, HKUSSU, worked closely with the Faculty and us on the Homecoming, the Re-union Dinner held on 4 December 2004 and the 35th anniversary publication, “Building for Tomorrow on Yesterday’s Strength”.

The Vice-Chancellor commended that the Reunion Dinner “was indeed a memorable and meaningful event, with members of the Faculty of Law family spanning over three decades coming together in the spirit of reunion”. Mr. Peter Rhodes (Dean, 1987-1993) told us that 4 December was “a most enjoyable evening and a great pleasure to meet many of his former students and colleagues”. Professor Johannes Chan, SC, Dean, had received many compliments from alumni and friends and he thought that credit should go to the team which had so worked hard to make the re-union a success. Professor Michael Wilkinson, however, complained. He could not sleep that night because of over-excitement.

Peter enjoyed reading “Building for Tomorrow on Yesterday’s Strength” and “found it to be well organized, well presented and informative [and] brought back many happy memories of [his] time at the Law Faculty”.

The publication looked “excellent and a valuable contribution to the history of the faculty” to Professor Peter Wesley-Smith (Dean 1993-1996). Please go to http://www.hku.hk:8400/law/upload/images/ll_press_eng2.doc to read more about the publication. Better still, fill in the enclosed order form or buy it at the Faculty Office or the University Book Store at HKU.

On 6th November 2004, the Homecoming was held in Rayson Huang Theatre to mark the beginning of the 35th anniversary celebrations of the Law Faculty. Over 150 alumni and friends of the faculty attended the event. Many alumni brought their young children to their alma mater for the first time and the Homecoming became a reunion of different generations of a big family.

Highlights of the event include performances by current students and alumni from different generations: a piano duet by Mr. Edmund Cham and Mr. Peter Fan (alumni from the 90s), a magic show by Mr. Vincent Chan (a current law student), a puppet show by Mr. Justice Louis Tong, Mr. Justice Johnson Lam and His Honour Judge Barnabas Fung (alumni from the 80s) and a talk show by Mr. Lawrence Lok SC, Mr. Mohan Bhanwearsy and Mr. Kumar Ramanathan (alumni from the 70s). Masters of Ceremony for the event were Ms. Susan Johnson (LLB 1975) and Mr. William Wong (a current law student).

The performances were followed by an inspiring speech given by the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Chan, an alumnus of our faculty and now a Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal. Mr. Moses Cheng, another alumnus from the 70s, then led the current Law Association Exco members and the audience in singing the Law Anthem, which aptly concluded the afternoon’s programme.

Home is where the heart lies. For those alumni (and also their children) who attended the Homecoming, we hope that it will be a heart warming experience that they would remember for years to come.

Speech by Mr. Justice Chan, PJ.

Mr. Moses Cheng (LLB 1972) (centre) led the law students and the audience in singing the Law Anthem.

**Members of the Homecoming Sub-Committee**

Ms. Denise Chan (LLB 1990)
Ms. The Hon Mr. Justice Chan, PJ (LLB 1974)
Mr. Augusto da Roza (LLB 1973)
Ms. Yeda Hong (LLB 1999)
Mr. Kenneth Kwok SC (LLB 1972)
Ms. Rebecca Lee (LLB 2001)
Ms. Jacklyn Ng (LLB 2001)
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Ms. Youn Ling (LLB 1997, Public Relations Officer)
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Reunion Dinner

LOKE YEW HALL, 4 DECEMBER 2004

Linus Cheung (LLB 1971) and Professor K.M. Cheung were two of the honourable guests of the Faculty at the Dinner.

Also having a exchange over drinks at the cocktail were: (from left) Professor Johannes Chan SC, Henry Fan, Treasurer of the University, Professor Michael Wilkinson and Alan Leong SC.

(The above) Kenneth Kwok SC, President of the HKU Law Alumni Association which hosted the Reunion Dinner, (right) Professor Lap-Chue Tse, Vice-Chancellor of HKU and (below) Professor Johannes Chan SC, Dean of the Faculty of Law, each gave a speech before the dinner.

The evening’s programme was very much livened up by the excellent performance of the four Masters of Ceremony: Lo Mun Yi (PCLL 2002) and Cheung Wing Leung (LLB 1980) (below), Mimmie Chan (LLB 1980) and Wesley Wong (LLB 1992) (left).

The excited pair, Robert Allcock and Cordelia Chung (LLB 1982), won in the game: “Who claims to be a Faculty Expert?”. The other contestants: (from left) Lester Huang (LLB 1982), Angela Ho (LLB 1984), Kenneth Sit (LLB 1980) and Susan Johnson (LLB 1975) lost only by a narrow margin.

Moses Cheng (LLB 1972) conducting the Law Anthem as the finale of the evening’s programme.

(Members of Class 1975) and (below left) Members of Class 1977 and some of their spouses.

(Above) Mrs. Rhodes, Peter Rhodes (former Dean of the Faculty), Dr. Felix Chan and Mr. Wilson Chow (both of the Faculty) joined the others in singing the Law Anthem.

A HAPPY REUNION FOR US ALL (CLASS PHOTOS):
35TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

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SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS TO SHARE:

Joseph Tse (third from right at the back row) with colleagues at Allen & Overy.

Members of Class 1980.

Ms. Bernadette Tsoi, Director of the DAAO, and former teacher Robert Allcock.

Members of Class 1981.

About 40 members from their Class were present on this memorable occasion. (From left) Master de Souza, Daisy Tong, Amy Liu, Lucy Yen, Mok Yeuk Chi and Ronny Tong SC (all of Class 1972).

Members of Class 1982 and Class 1983.

The guests were having a relaxed and good time.

Lucille Au (left) and Au Miu Po (right) both of Class 1973 with Professor Evans.

Dr. Miron Mushkat and Professor Roda Mushkat bidding farewell to Mrs. Rhodes.

Madam Justice Yuen (LLB 1975) gave a warm greeting to her former teacher Bernard Downey.

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Professor Tsui and Professor Chan (first and second from left in the back row) with Class 1966.

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It all began with the reading of the last issue of this Newsletter. Eva Lau of my class wrote an article about her days in the Law School (as it then was) and beyond. Having read it, I have come to realize that I actually do know much about my classmates, although I was considered a very active person in my class then. The notes I took at lectures were hot lending items, certainly not because of their quality (as for such a purpose the notes of Mabel Ng would be preferred) but because of my sluggish attendance at all lectures, they being so enjoyable to me then. Quite a few persons who could not make it at the appointed time for such bestowments of intelligence by our dear lecturers would ask to make photocopies of my notes. In view of this and also in view of the small size of the class then, I knew each of my classmates to different degrees.

After having left the Law School for twenty years, I am still in constant contact with a good bunch of my friends. There are also a few handfulls that I bumped into from time to time and had had a good chat on such occasions. To me, all these moments were cherishing and often endearing. If only they could be shared by all my other classmates. It was then that the thought of seizing this opportunity of having a reunion on the occasion of the dinner to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the now Law Faculty came to me. I personally called each of the classmates that I could think of and still had their contacts. The turnout was impressive. I might not have been able to catch up on all that had happened to my classmates during the dinner, but I have the feeling that we all had a good time. The smiles on our faces in the photographs tell me that we are almost ready for another reunion already. Wait to hear from me, dear friends. I hope I will be meeting more of you the next time.

Caroline Chow (LLB 1983)

COMING HIGHLIGHT:
International Conference on Professional Ethics
19 & 21 March 2005

Law School to be held on 21 March. This represents another important collaboration between the two law schools in areas of common interests and concerns. We welcome you to attend the conference held on campus on 19 March. Please visit our faculty website for more information on the conference and registration details. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Professor Adrian Evans
Mr. Peter Lo

Anna Wu on The Role of Law

Anna Wu (LLB 1974, PCLL 1975), a graduate of our Faculty, is widely respected by both the legal profession and the community at large. She is currently the Chairperson of the PCLL Academic Board of our Faculty, in which role she oversees the reform of our PCLL programme. In this article, Anna shares with us her interesting life journey from being a law student through careers in both the private and public sectors to her current position as the Adviser to the Law School of Shantou University.

The 35th anniversary night of the Law Faculty was truly a stellar and memorable occasion. Graduates and teachers gathered at Luke Yeow Hall – the place that marked the beginning of higher learning in Hong Kong. The Law Faculty first started in two low two-storey buildings at the junction of Caine Road and Caine Road, with stairs so narrow that only one person could get through at any one time, housing the students, the teaching and administrative staff and a small library. There was a small common room for students. Generally the students gathered in the library, eating, chatting until we were shooed away by someone. These buildings are now long gone and have been replaced by a park.

The establishment of the Law Department in 1969 marked the beginning of locally educated and qualified lawyers. Beginning with the small close knit group of law students cloistered away at Caine Road, came the lawyers, judges, legislators, heads of public bodies, government officials, leaders in business, education, and finally graduating and getting the alumni medal. I did enjoy the most trials and the tutorials where my mind was allowed more freedom.

Perhaps it was because that I did not actively choose to go into law that I was anxious to get out of it after my first degree. I wanted to experience the world and I applied for a UN job. What saved me was that the UN actually responded to me, saying that because I did not have a second degree or any working experience, it had no job for me. It was at that point that I decided to continue my legal studies and to complete my PCLL and training. I realized I would go nowhere if I did not finish it.

It was during my time as a trainee in a solicitor’s firm that I became more interested in law. Thinking back it was really a scary experience. My client’s fortune and life were in my hands and it
was my responsibility to make sure that no disaster befell my client. It was the realization that I must take responsibility for someone else that made me think clearer and try harder.

I had enough sense to know that I must ask the right questions, find out the facts, work out the legal issues, assess and evaluate the situation and determine the options. I learned along the way how to use the law to solve a problem, resolve a conflict or create a solution. I spent a lot of my time negotiating on behalf of clients, whether it was an out of court settlement or a transaction that needed to be put together.

Law to me is the product of human frailties, fallibilities and friction. Law provides a platform for coexistence and resolution of disputes. It recognizes diversity and differences. Recognizing that we are miles apart is not enough, we must create and use the law as a platform for engagement and to resolve a conflict or dispute, solve a problem or create a solution. The court becomes the final arbiter of differences only when engagement fails.

In any given situation, whether we are trying to strike a deal, resolve a community conflict or face a highly sensitive political situation, we look for ways to defuse the volatility, reduce the polarization and increase the engagement. We look for options to resolve the differences and to create solutions. This process calls into play all our skills for negotiation and for dispute resolution. And to resolve a community conflict or face a highly sensitive political situation, requesting a male superior to apologize to a female subordinate in a sexual harassment complaint was sometimes impossible. Similarly the Americans resisted for a long time a request by the Chinese government for an apology for the collision between two aircraft near Hainan Island, which resulted in the loss of a Chinese pilot, until finally the American ambassador wrote a letter saying he was “very, very sorry.” Only after this letter was written was the American crew allowed to go home.

It was the realization that I must take responsibility for someone else that made me think clearer and try harder. I felt that I was not learning or doing new things. I had done many transactions, advised many clients on infringement matters and even litigated in a few esoteric areas of law. The offer to be the Chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission came along and I took it because I wanted to test how the law that I helped to bring about could be made to work on the ground.

The core function of the EOC is complaints handling and this involves dispute resolution and requires trained skills in mediation and conciliation. In many cases I have witnessed ingenious solutions being crafted but in others I have seen cultural differences becoming obstacles.

The giving of an apology is a very good example. In the Asian context, requesting a male superior to apologize to a female subordinate in a sexual harassment complaint was sometimes impossible. To require a government authority to provide an apology to someone would be out of the question; but to ask for an acknowledgement that the complainant felt aggrieved by an official’s action and that the government would take steps to improve its procedure (not rectify a mistake) might not be as impossible. Similarly the Americans resisted for a long time a request by the Chinese government for an apology for the collision between two aircraft near Hainan Island, which resulted in the loss of a Chinese pilot, until finally the American ambassador wrote a letter saying he was “very, very sorry.” Only after this letter was written was the American crew allowed to go home.

A fundamental social purpose that law must serve is to provide a framework to achieve equality. While in private practice I never felt that I needed to be fair to my opponents, but in public life it was all about the equitable distribution of rights, opportunities and the benefits of development. We assign a substantive value to public interest laws.

I became a legislator at the end of 1992. It was a welcome break from private practice and a chance to put my skills to use in a different way. By definition legislators legislate and I chose to launch a private member’s bill on equal opportunities. To use a private member’s bill to introduce a whole new area of policy was not done before. My detractors thought I was just pulling a stunt and creating a lot of problems for them. I was dead earnest. Telling people that I would be leaving the Legislative Council after my term expired helped. It was clear that I was not looking for future votes.

One of the options that had always been in the cards was to have government take over the private member’s bill or to make a counter offer with its own draft legislation. Government did present its own draft legislation, which is why today we have anti-discrimination laws and the Equal Opportunities Commission.

One lesson I learned from the exercise was that we must seize the opportunity when it arises and run with it. There was no guarantee and no certainty of outcome about the process. This is the nature of public policy. It is dependent on people, circumstances and strategy and it is always very fluid. As it turned out, that window of initiating a private member’s bill in a public policy area without needing the consent of the executive branch closed in 1997.

Eventually, I left my private practice completely it was no longer satisfying to me. I felt that I was not learning or doing new things. I had done many transactions, advised many clients on infringement matters and even litigated in a few esoteric areas of law. The offer to be the Chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission came along and I took it because I wanted to test how the law that I helped to bring about could be made to work on the ground.

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It is my working experience as a lawyer in the private and public sectors that led me to focus on a number of issues:

• how to negotiate,
• how to resolve disputes, and
• how to detect cultural differences and learn to deal with them.

It is this focus that got me into developing education programs for negotiation skills training and dispute resolution for use on mainland China through Shantou University in Guangdong. The university is supported by the Li Ka Shing Foundation and Citigroup has provided a sponsorship of four years to develop a training module for use on the mainland.

Negotiation and the tools for dispute resolution are important for both emerging economies as well as developed economies. Many developed cities have now found it too expensive and unsatisfactory to go into the court rooms and we need alternative and pluralistic forms of dispute resolution.

Law is a living thing and needs to remain alive. It is never static and our professional life should also not be static. Those of us who are combating boredom need to get out of the routine, to pursue new challenges and to acquire a different perspective in life. I think it is important for each of us to do something different, to do something that matters and to sometimes be bold and make law what we want it to be.
Katherine Lynch
(Year of joining the Faculty: 1990. Specialization: Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, Business Association and Company Law)

This year I have been the fortunate recipient of a University Teaching Fellowship Award from the University of Hong Kong recognizing my teaching efforts in the Faculty of Law. Receipt of this UTF award has served to renew my enthusiastic commitment to the teaching of our talented HKU students and to striving for excellence in both my teaching and research related activities with the HKU Law Faculty. My teaching experience at HKU has confirmed that I am appropriately motivated and supported, our law students have the potential to compete with the best graduates from around the world. As such, I believe it is important to adopt an active student centered approach to teaching and learning, emphasizing the development of core legal analytical skills, active and critical reading skills, and research and language skills, as well as learning substantive legal knowledge.

Such a problem-based learning approach differs from the traditional approach of passive memorization and regurgitation of legal information. Law students should be required to analyze a given problem, identify the relevant legal issues, apply relevant legal principles to the issues and through reasoned analysis reach some form of conclusion. While such analysis applies legal principles discerned from interpreting cases and statutory provisions, students should also be encouraged to discuss economic, historical, social and political policy considerations in their analysis of problems and challenged to think for themselves and express their own viewpoints on issues. Innovations in teaching methodology and curriculum design will further enhance this problem-based inter-disciplinary approach to teaching and learning at HKU. This in combination with giving close attention and immediate feedback to students, will help ensure that HKU students achieve their extraordinary potential and succeed in the international marketplace.

Rick Glofcheski
(Year of joining the Faculty: 1989. Specialization: Tort Law, Labour Law)

Good teaching has always been valued in the Faculty of Law, as far back as I can remember. The Faculty of Law has a long history of teaching seminars and workshops, and has always been supportive of teaching innovations. I recall how, in 1990, the Faculty of Law was the first in the University to introduce student evaluation of teachers, and what’s more (and to the horror of colleagues in other faculties), to make the results of these evaluations available to students. Since then the entire University has followed suit.

In the Faculty of Law, good teaching is valued both by colleagues, and by students, who bring high standards to their learning, and who come with high expectations of their teachers. The award has given me cause to reflect on the characteristics of good teaching.

A good teacher is one who by virtue of his enthusiasm for the subject, can inspire and motivate students. A good teacher is one who genuinely has fun in his teaching. A good teacher will acquire an understanding of his students and their backgrounds, so that students do not feel like mere numbers, but as individuals whose characteristics are known and appreciated by the teacher and by classmates. A good teacher will be up-to-date in the subject matter, including events in the community that impact on that subject matter, thereby ensuring relevance. A good teacher will be reflective, keeping under review the success or failure of his teaching techniques and the student response to them. A good teacher will, in his teaching, project the values and important human qualities that are required for a sense of professionalism and humanity to be conveyed to the students. The promotion of these values requires an atmosphere of equality and democracy in the classroom, which should be a forum in which all can participate, and in which the views of all are treated with respect and on a footing of equality.

The teaching fellowship demonstrates the value placed by the university on good teaching. I was impressed that the teaching awards were presented together with the outstanding research awards, a gesture that is more than symbolic and places the importance of teaching on an equal footing with that of research. The award of the teaching fellowship has caused me to reflect further on my teaching, to make a continuing contribution to the teaching and learning enterprise in the Faculty and the University in order to do justice to the recognition that has been conferred. I would like to dedica the award to all of my students, past and present.

Katherine received the award from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tsui Lap Chye.

Introducing a new Part-time Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) Programme

Professor Michael Wilkinson

I am delighted to report that the Department of Professional Legal Education will launch a new part-time PCLL programme as from September 2005. For some time the Law Society had been encouraging us to provide the PCLL in part-time mode in addition to the full-time programme, but we had been reluctant to introduce the part-time course until the PCLL curriculum reforms had been largely put in place. Now that these reforms have been substantially, and successfully, implemented, we felt it was time to move forward. A committee, most ably chaired by Richard Wu, comprising Felix Chan, Jessica Young, Norman Hui, Julliene Jen and Stephane Hui Bon Hao set down to draw up plans for implementation.

The new part-time PCLL, which will run over 2 years, is based upon four fundamental principles. First, the high standards required for admission to the full-time PCLL will apply equally to admission to the part-time PCLL. Applicants should ensure that, in addition to the required academic qualifications, they have passed the IELTS test with a minimum score of 7. Secondly, the part-time curriculum will be the same as the full-time course save that the part-time course will extend over two academic years. This means that the first year of the part-time course will be devoted to contentious subjects – Advocacy, Civil and Criminal Procedure and Professional Conduct (contentious issues) and the second year will cover non-contentious subjects – Conveyancing and Probate Practice, Commercial Law and Practice, Accounts and Financial Management and Professional Conduct (non-contentious issues). The third principle is that teaching standards on both courses will be consistently high. All lectures on both courses will be delivered by the same full-time staff members and tutorials for both the part-time and full-time courses will be conducted by a mix of full-time staff and specialist practitioners. Finally, a common examination standard will be applied so that the exit standards of the part-time course will be just as high as for the full-time course.

Lectures and tutorials will largely be conducted from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on two to three weekdays each week with some classes held on Saturdays. All classes (save for advocacy examinations) will be conducted on campus, but a coach service will be available at nominal cost to transfer students from Admiralty and Central to the HKU Campus for classes. Naturally, students will be encouraged to make full use of our library and other facilities.

Information about the part-time course was first made public at an open forum in mid-January. To our pleasant surprise, more than 250 people attended and asked many incisive questions. Information about the part-time course is now available on the PCLL website - www.pcll.hk and application for admission should be made as soon as possible but not later than 30 April 2005. The fees for the part-time course will be $55,000 per year.

I am very happy with this long-awaited development and feel confident that the course will be well-received by those admitted as students and the profession.

Members of the Department of PLE (from left) Richard Wu, Wilson Chan, Professor Wilkinson, Dr. Felix Chan and Stephane Hui Bon Hao.
The Faculty welcomes the following new teachers on board:

**Henry Gao**  高樹超

LLB (China), LLM (UCL), JD with Certificate in Law and Business (Vanderbilt)

Henry joined the Department of Law in January 2005 as Assistant Professor. Henry got his LLB from China Youth Politics Institute, his LLM from University College London and his JD from Vanderbilt University. After that, Henry went to work in Geneva as the first Chinese lawyer at the WTO Secretariat.

In August 2003, Henry came to Hong Kong to teach at the law school of CityU. His main areas of research are WTO, international trade law, corporate law and law and economics; and he is the author of several articles on these issues.

**Norman Hui**  周文恩

BA (Toronto), PCLL (HKU)

Norman joined the Department of the Professional Legal Education in August 2004 as a teaching consultant. He teaches Civil Advocacy, Civil Procedure, Professional Practice, Conveyancing (Litigation Stream), Probate (Litigation Stream) and coordinates the Litigation Stream.

Norman received his education in Canada save for his legal studies which were in Hong Kong. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1996 and continues to practise in the areas of intellectual property, personal injuries and general commercial litigation.

**I-Ping Soong**  宋愛萍

MA (Chon)

I-Ping joined the Department of Law in September 2004 as a Senior Teaching Assistant. She received her secondary education in Singapore before reading Jurisprudence at Exeter College, Oxford. After graduation, she studied for her PLC at the College of Law in London. Upon qualification, she moved to Hong Kong as an assistant solicitor with Slaughter and May, practicing in general commercial practise. She then became an associate with the International Capital Markets Department in Allen & Overy in Hong Kong. She is a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. She received her secondary education in Singapore before reading Jurisprudence at Exeter College, Oxford. After graduation, she studied for her PLC at the College of Law in London. Upon qualification, she moved to Hong Kong as an assistant solicitor with Slaughter and May, practicing in general commercial practise. She then became an associate with the International Capital Markets Department in Allen & Overy in Hong Kong. She is a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales.

**Julienne Jen**  任文慧

LLB (London), PCLL (HKU)

Julienne joined the Department of Professional Legal Education as Teaching Consultant in September 2004. Julienne teaches Civil and Criminal Procedure, Civil Advocacy, the Litigation Stream for the Commercial Law and Practice course and Professional Practice.

Julienne graduated from King’s College, University of London with an LLB in 1995 and then took the PCLL course at the University of Hong Kong. She qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1998 and later, was also admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales. After her qualification, Julienne stayed with Richards Butler and practiced as a litigation solicitor. Her main areas of work included professional liability litigation and general commercial litigation.

**Kelvin Low**  趙發偉

LLB (NUS), BCL (Chon)

Kelvin joined the Department of Law in January 2005 as Assistant Professor. Kelvin graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1999 and practiced shortly after getting called to the Bar in Singapore. He read the BCL at Brasenose College, Oxford in 2001 and joined his alma mater immediately thereafter in 2002, where he taught Principles of Property Law, Equity & Trusts and Principles of Restitution. He has always been interested in academia, publishing extensively even as a student. He now teaches Equity & Trusts and Introduction to Private International Law, but his interest also extends to Restitution and Contract.

**Father Roderick O’Brien**

Father Roderick O’Brien visited the Faculty on 7th October 2004. Father O’Brien was a graduate of the University of Hong Kong with an MA in 1976. He taught in the Department of Law from 1974 to 1977. He is now a law lecturer of the Xi Bei Politics & Law Institute situated in Xi An, PRC.

The other two new teachers are Ms. Athena Cheung and Mr. Paul Westover, both of the Department of Law.

Meet our old friend! Meet our old friend! Meet our old friend!
Members of the Department of Professional Legal Education with the prize winners.

Address by Mr. Edward Chan SC, then Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association.

The Dean gave a welcome speech to the PCLL students and guests at Hui Pun Hing Theatre, Library Extension Building.

Address by Ms. Anna Wu, SBS, JP, Chairperson of the Academic Board for the PCLL and Adviser to the Law School, Shantou University.

The students and guests were also addressed by Mr. Kenneth Kwok SC, President of the HKU Law Alumni Association.

Law students answering enquiries and manning the exhibition booths set up in the G/F Concourse of K K Leung Building.

Michael Jackson, Admissions Tutor of the Department of Law, was giving an admission talk to the audience in a fully-packed lecture theatre.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The students and guests were also addressed by Mr. Kenneth Kwok SC, President of the HKU Law Alumni Association.

The Conference was a one-day event with Lord Justice Robin Auld of the English Court of Appeal and Mr. Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada as its keynote speakers.

SEMINAR & WORKSHOP ON LEGISLATING AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT’S CONSULTATION DOCUMENT
Organized jointly with Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor. - 22 January 2005

The panel speakers included Ms. Carole Peterson, Professor Yash Ghai (Sir Y K Pao Chair in Public Law), Ms. Jill Cottrell, Ms. Anna Wu and also Mr. Mark Daly.

CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW EVENTS — HONG KONG’S NEW POLITICS: A POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS
PART 4 OF THE CONFERENCE SERIES ON “CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT: THE WAY FORWARD
18 September 2004
Organized jointly with the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences.

The panel speakers included Mr. Carole Peterson, Professor Yash Ghai (Sir Y K Pao Chair in Public Law), Ms. Jill Cottrell, Ms. Anna Wu and also Mr. Mark Daly.

ARCHBOLD HONG KONG CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE 2004
23 November 2004

The Conference was a one-day event with Lord Justice Robin Auld of the English Court of Appeal and Mr. Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada as its keynote speakers.

LLB OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE 2004-05 ACADEMIC YEAR
8 September 2004

PCLL OPENING CEREMONY
6 September 2004

Address by Mr. Michael Lintern-Smith, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

Representatives of prize donors presenting award certificates to prize-winning law students.

Address by Mr. Michael Lintern-Smith, President of the Law Society of Hong Kong.

The speech was given by Ms. Anna Wu, SBS, JP, Chairperson of the Academic Board for the PCLL and Adviser to the Law School, Shantou University.

Dr. Robert Chung, Director of Public Opinion Programmes, HKU.

Dr. Ma Ngok of HKUST.

Mr. Allen Lee, Public Affairs Commentator.

(first from left) Professor Kuan Hsin Chi of CU, and third from left) Professor Wang Zhenmin of Tsinghua University were also at the conference.

Three Defendants set fire in a shop in Central at noon, resulting in one death and one seriously injured. They were charged with manslaughter and assault causing GBH. One of them was aged 16. Two pleaded guilty and one was convicted after trial. They were respectively sentenced before a court in Hong Kong, Mainland, Taiwan and Macau. The 4 mock trials at our Sentencing Practices in Greater China Conference produced very interesting and different sentences and led to a lively discussion on the differences in approach and values underlying the 4 jurisdictions!
A new Lecture Series for the Profession and the Public

The Faculty of Law proudly announces the Common Law Lecture Series. Hong Kong is in a unique position as the only common law jurisdiction in civil law China. In presenting the Lecture Series, the Faculty hopes to contribute to the learning and development of the common law.

The annual Lecture Series will be presented by distinguished jurists from Hong Kong and around the common law world. Each speaker will deliver a public lecture relating to the common law, and the lectures will be published annually. All lectures are free and open to the public.

The lecture schedule for 2005 is as follows:

15 March 2005
The Hon. Sir Anthony Mason, A.C., K.B.E.
Non-permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong
Title: The Role of the Common Law in Hong Kong
(Inaugural Lecture)
20 May 2005
The Hon. Mr. Justice Robert Ribeiro
Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong
Title: Vexatious Litigants
Nov 2005
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Millett
Lord of Appeal, House of Lords
Non-permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong

For further details and registration, please visit the following website: www.hku.hk/law/clls

We sincerely welcome all alumni and friends of the Faculty to join us at the lectures. See you all then.

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Please check out on further details at the faculty’s website: www.hku.hk/law/ under “What’s New – Seminars and Public Lectures”.

A NEW PROJECT –
Community Legal Information Centre (CLIC) Website: the public is to have greater access to legal information and legal services

We are pleased to announce that the China Information Technology & Law Centre (a centre established jointly by the Faculty of Law and the Department of Computer Science of HKU) is undertaking a 3-year project under which it is to develop, host and maintain the Community Legal Information Centre Website (CLIC). The project is funded by the Department of Justice and represents one of the Government’s efforts in enabling the general public to have greater access to legal information and legal services on-line. The website will be maintained as an adjunct to the Hong Kong Legal Information Institute (HKLII) launched in January 2002. The project commenced in April 2004 and the website is due to be officially launched on 6 May 2005. The bilingual website aims at providing the public with free information on areas of law that have the most direct bearing on their daily lives. The areas of law to be covered will include among other topics, employment, family matters, landlord and tenant, bankruptcy, consumer protection, immigration, personal injury and legal aid. To ensure a smooth operation of the website upon its launch, a workshop will be held in March 2005. Please watch out for details of the launch of the “CLIC” website at the faculty’s website nearer the date.
News from The HKU Law Alumni Association

The New Executive Committee (2004-05)

The Law Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting for the year 2004 on 16 December 2004. A new Executive Committee was duly elected. Kenneth Kwok SC (LLB 1972), Francoise Lam (LLB 1986) and Clara Weng (LLB 1980) continue to show their support to the Association in the most practical way: they hold their respective offices as the President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the second term. 4 new members came on board though, they are Carmelo Lee (LLB 1982), Cissy Leung (LLB 1988), Elaine Liu (LLB 1987) and Felicity Wong (LLB 1999). The other Executive Committee members are Augusto da Roza, Bonnie Chan, Denise Chan, Mr. Justice Chan, PJ Richard Wu and Richard Wa. It is indeed gratifying to see alumni of different seniority willing to assist with the work of the Association and the Faculty notwithstanding their busy practice and family commitments.

The following is a brief report by the President, Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association.

Joseph Tse (LLB 1982 PCLL 1983) retired as members of the Executive Committee in December last year, Wendy having served three terms, and Yeda and Joseph two. They took an active part in the deliberation and decision making process of the Executive Committee and the sub-committees, and worked very hard behind the scenes in the anniversary activities.

Joseph Tse had served the ExCo for two years and chaired the 35th Anniversary Reunion Dinner Organizing Sub-Committee in 2004.

Johannes joins me in thanking all members of the Executive Committee, all members of all sub-committees and many many more who helped behind the scene for their dedicated support and help.

Kenneth Kwok SC (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973)
President, Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association

When you have a break in your busy schedules, have you ever paused to think what those you have not seen for a long time? Do you have the opportunity of getting in touch with those you have already known—former classmates and friends about whom you do not have much knowledge? Do you wish to know more about what is happening to the University, the legal profession and many of your former classmates, seniors and juniors.

The HKU Law Alumni Association is well to the development and maintenance of the Faculty as a Centre of Excellence” (Mr. Peter Rhodes, Dean, 1987-1993).

In the letter dated 7 February 2004, the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association made the points that, as graduates, we could all play a part to improve legal education and increase public confidence in the legal profession and education and that we could also help by providing financial support.

The Law Alumni Association has excellent rapport with the Faculty. The Dean attended two Executive Committee meetings on invitation and briefed us on the latest developments and activities of the Faculty. The Faculty co-opted our members, Mr. Augusto da Roza (LLB 1973, PCLL 1974), as a member of the Faculty Board.

In celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Faculty, we helped the Faculty in hosting the Homecoming on 6 November 2004. We also organized the Re-union Dinner which was held on 4 December 2004 and produced the 35th anniversary publication, “Building for Tomorrow on Yesterday’s Strength”.

The number of alumni association members has more than doubled in 2004. The Alumni Association has now completed the formalities in establishing our charitable institution, the “HKU Law Alumni Charity Limited”. The Charity company is exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Cap. 112, and more importantly, a donation of money to the HKU Law Alumni Charity Limited for charitable purposes is an approved charitable donation under the Ordinance.


The Dean joined the new Exco at one of their monthly meetings. (Back row from left): Augusto da Roza, Bonnie Chan, Richard Woo, Elaine Liu, Cindy Leung and Clarence Wong. (Front row from left): The Hon. Mr. Justice Chan, PJ, Kenneth Kwok SC, the Dean and Francoise Lam.

Message from the Convener of the Membership Drive Sub-Committee

Patrick Chan (LLB 1974, PCLL 1975)
Convener of the Membership Drive Sub-Committee

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Sincerely From an Outgoing ExCo Member

Wendy Chan (LLB 1987, PCLL 1988)

I have been kindly asked to write a few lines as an outgoing member of the HKU Law Alumni Association Executive Committee. I joined the Executive Committee first as its co-opted member, became its regular member a few months later in November 2002 and have since had the privilege to hold the post until my recent retirement from Executive Committee in December 2004.

It is my great pleasure and honour to have served on the Executive Committee working with a conscientious and efficient team consisting mostly of my seniors in the profession, a team with one goal in the heart of each member – to give back to the Law Faculty and to better the Alumni Association.

I would humbly like to let you know that your Executive Committee really has engaged in long meetings and plentiful email correspondence to organize alumni functions to achieve an encouraging year of 2004. To my teammates and Executive Committee President, I thank you for being part of my experience that I cherish and to the current Executive Committee, I wish you continued success.

The efforts of some twelve Executive Committee members are not enough though. The Alumni Association belongs to each law graduate and it needs you. Please do come and join us.

When you have a break in your busy schedules, have you ever paused to think with those you have already known—former classmates and friends among us, some may prefer concentrating on what they are presently doing because of their busy schedule which is fully understandable. You could all play a part to improve legal education and increase public confidence in the legal profession.

Yeda Hong and Wendy Chan (second and third from left in the back row) at a dinner gathering with other members of the Executive Committee and its Sub-Committees in December 2004.
One country, two homes—life and career of a Hong Kong lawyer in Beijing

Janet Hui (LLB 1987, PCLL 1988)

Janet Hui holds a radical change in her career and life by “immigrating” to Beijing in August 2004. Instead of leading an expatriate life, she chose to live in Beijing like a local Chinese and work in a local law firm. In this article, Janet shares with us her experience and reflections on life and career in Beijing as a newcomer from Hong Kong...