

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD

FROM DECEMBER 2007 TO NOVEMBER 2008

During the report period, Executive Committee of the Association has held 6 meetings. Below is a brief account of the work done and activities during the period.

The University

1. On 6 December 2007, the President attended the Alumni Leaders' Gathering with the Vice-chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and the Pro Vice-chancellor Professor John Malpas, at the Hong Kong Football Club, for an update on the university developments including 18th and beyond, and Centennial Campus 2012.
2. On 27 February 2008, the President attended the HKU Centennial Campus Kick-Off Ceremony, which was held on site to the west of the current Main Campus.

The Faculty

1. On 27 December 2007, the President attended a meeting of the Board of the Faculty in Senate Room, 10/F Knowles Building, during which a presentation was made by Professor John Malpas, Pro Vice-chancellor of the University and Mr. Lam Wo Hei, Director of Wong & Ouyang and architect in charge of the Centennial Campus project. During the meeting, the President informed the Board *inter alia* that the Faculty's alumni wished that the University and the Project Team could take into account the strong sentiment that the law building should befit the dignity of the law discipline and serve as a symbol of the importance of the rule of law in Hong Kong.
2. On 19 March 2008, the President attended the Dedication Ceremony held at the University Lodge and thanked Dr Cheng Yu-Tung for his support and donation to the Faculty of Law and the University.
3. On 6 June 2008, the President attended the Graduation Reception of the Master of Common Law 2008 held at the Eilat Room, KK Leung Building.
4. On 1 November 2008, the President attended the 2008 Graduation Ceremony for Bachelor of Laws Graduates held at Loke Yew Hall and participated in the Procession.

The Association

1. *Informal Gatherings with Alumni*
 - On 3 May 2008, an Evening Drinks Party was held at the China Tee Club. 35 members, alumni and previous mentors of the Law Mentorship Programme joined.

It was an excellent opportunity for junior members of the legal profession to get to know senior members of the legal profession.

- Current members of the Executive Committee attended a dinner organized by Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon), Dean of the Faculty of Law, on 23 June 2008.

2. *Talk for Current Students*

The talk “First Day in Legal Practice” was held on 8 April 2008. The President as Moderator, Ms Wendy Chow, Mr Erik Shum, Mr Henry Ma and Mr William Liu generously shared their experience of their first day at work with 21 law students.

http://www.hku.hk/law/community/file/Firstday_Report_2008.pdf

3. *Law Mentorship Programme*

The Law Mentorship Programme started on 24 September 2008 with a Briefing Session for the students. A total of 208 students attended the Briefing Session. The President, joined the briefing session with 4 previous mentors and mentees, to share their experience and thoughts about the Programme. The total number of mentees selected is 181. Mentorship dinners were then held on the evenings of the 22 and 23 October 2008 respectively. The Public Relations Officer’s report on the Mentorship Programme was received on 3 November 2008. Please see the report in Appendix I below.

December 2008

Report on the Mentorship Programme 2008-2009

1. Introduction

The Law Mentorship Programme 2008-2009 is the sixth mentorship programme since its first launch in October 2002. The Law Mentorship Programme (“the Programme”) is jointly organized by the Faculty of Law and The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (“the Law Alumni Association”). It aims to provide law students with the opportunity to meet legal practitioners and judges and to enhance their educational, social and personal growth through a supportive relationship with their mentors. Over the years, the Law Alumni Association has provided tremendous support and assistance in the organization and running of the Programme, particularly in engaging the support of members of the profession and the Judiciary, many of whom are our alumni.

For the academic year 2008-2009, 85 mentors and 181 mentees participated in the Programme. To initiate the first contact between the mentors and their mentees, the Faculty and the Law Alumni Association organized the Mentorship Dinners on 22 October and 23 October. It is expected that the mentees will take the initiative to organize at least one more gathering before end of March 2009. It is also hoped that apart from these two gatherings, individual mentees and their mentors can develop further relationship through other communications or meetings.

2. Purposes of the programme

- To provide an opportunity for law students to learn more about the careers in the legal profession
- To enhance personal development of students through interaction with their mentors
- To enable members of the legal profession to understand more about the life of law students nowadays

3. Recruitment

Recruitment of Mentees

Invitation was sent to all law undergraduate students (except first year students) and all full-time PCLL students on 18 September.

The total number of applicants for the academic year 2008-2009 is 262. Out of these applications, 208 students had attended the Briefing Session on 24 September. Priority was given to (i) PCLL and final-year law students, (ii) previously applied but rejected students, and (iii) fresh applicants and returning mentees. The total number of mentees selected is 181.

Please see Annex 2 for the profile of mentees.

Recruitment of Mentors

Invitations were sent on 16 September 2008 to, (i) previous mentors, (ii) alumni with 10+ years of experience, who had indicated their interests in joining the Programme, and (iii)

HKULAA members with 10+ years of experience but who had not joined the Programme before. By mid October 2008, 81 mentors have confirmed their participation. And 4 mentors joined in the week of 20 October 2008.

Please see Annex 3 for the profile of the mentors.

4. The Briefing Session

A briefing session on the Programme for interested students was held on 24 September 2008 in T1 of the Meng Wah Complex. The briefing session started at 6:30 pm and Dr. Richard Wu was the MC of the session. Ms Lucy Yen, President of the Law Alumni Association, joined the briefing session with following mentors and mentees, to share their experience and thoughts about the Programme. The session was well received by the students. Our sincere thanks to the following speakers for their sharing at the session:

Ms Amy Liu (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973)
Mr Wesley Wong (LLB 1992, PCLL 1993)
Miss Bonnie Tong (LLB 4)
Miss Fiona Lai (LLB 3)

The briefing session concluded at about 7:30 pm and most of the students stayed for the whole session.

5. The Mentorship Dinners

Dates and Venues

2 nights were scheduled for the Mentorship Dinners: 22 October and 23 October at the Loke Yew Hall, *Joseph's* was engaged to provide the catering services.

Pre-dinner briefing to Mentors

On each of the two nights, Mentors first gathered in MG07, Main Building for a pre-dinner briefing session. The Dean, Professor Johannes Chan, and Professor Michael Wilkinson took turns to brief the mentors attending the mentorship dinners. The briefing to Mentors covered the mainly the following points:-

- Acknowledging support of the Mentors
- The objectives of the Programme
- The pairing arrangement
- Possible follow-up activities
- The role of students in initiating subsequent gatherings

Pre-dinner briefing to Mentees

Mr Eric Cheung and Ms Karen Kong took turns to brief our students on the two nights. The briefing to mentees mainly covered the Dos and Don'ts on the part of mentees, including matters in relation to the dinner, follow-up activities and communication with mentors etc.

Pre-dinner speech

During the dinners on the two nights, Ms Lucy Yen, President of the Law Alumni Association, thanked the mentors for their participation and support before the following alumni gave speeches based on their own chosen topics:-

Date	Speaker
22 October 2008	The Hon. Mr. Justice Chan, PJ (LLB 1974)
23 October 2008	Mr Erik Shum (LLB 1984, PCLL 1985)

6. Comment from the Mentors and Mentees

Mentors were reminded at the pre-dinner briefing session to complete the evaluation forms (which were provided to them in their information kits) and return to the Law Faculty before June 2009. An email attaching an evaluation form will be sent to all mentees in late November 2008 requesting the representative of each group to complete and return the interim evaluation form to the Faculty of Law before 15 December 2008.

7. Suggestions on improvement

Invitation to Mentors

This year 85 members of the profession joined the Programme. Among the 18 new mentors, 12 of them were alumni; and the rest were introduced by their friends or colleagues; or indicated their interests through their firms (*Deacons* and *Simmons & Simmons* kindly circulated the invitation to their partners). Exco members may wish to invite other law firms/ chambers to take part in this Programme by circulating the invitation in the future.

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Annex 1

Work Schedule for the Law Mentorship Programme 2008-2009

Key Dates

Dispatch of invitation letters to Mentors:	16 September 2008
Dispatch of invitation letters to Mentees:	18 September 2008
Dispatch of invitation letters to year 2 Part-time PCLL students:	8 October 2008
Briefing session to students:	24 September 2008
Deadline for reply by students:	2 October 2008
Deadline for reply by mentors:	6 October 2008
Dates of the Mentorship Dinners:	22, 23 October 2008

Statistics

Total no. of mentors:	85
Total no. of mentees:	181
New mentors:	18
No. of mentors (22/10/2008):	47
No. of mentees (22/10/2008):	101
No. of mentors (23/10/2008):	38
No. of mentees (23/10/2008):	80

No. of participants in the past and current year

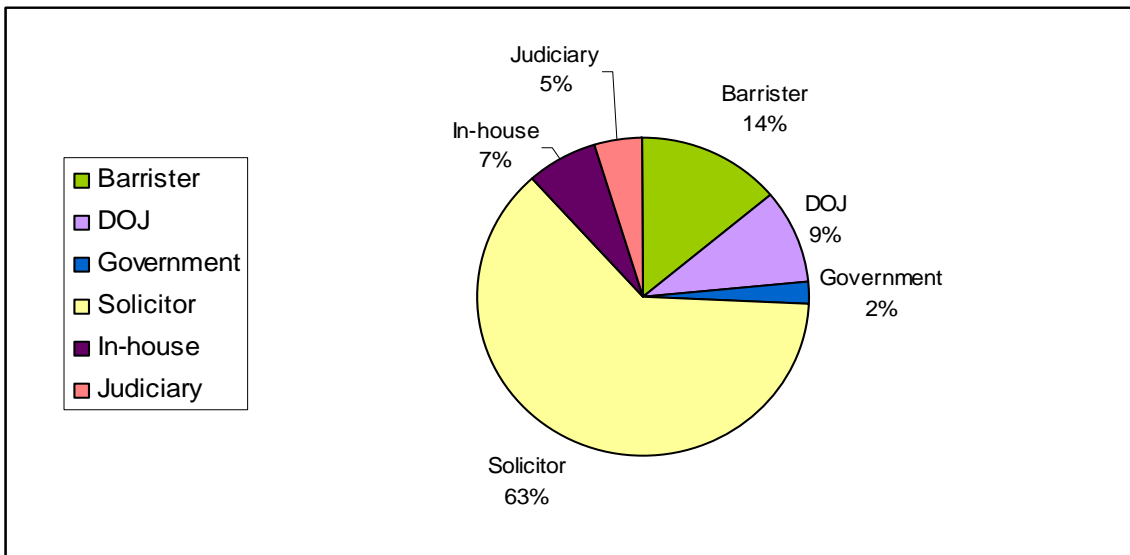
Participants/ Year	2002-03	2003-04	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Mentors	114	118	135	137	103	85
Mentees	454	241	315	293	219	181

Annex 2 – Mentees Profile

Year	No.	%
PCLL	16	8.84
PCLL (Part-time)	7	3.86
LLB 4	28	15.47
Mixed Degree LLB 5	3	1.66
Mixed Degree LLB 4	17	9.40
LLB 3	13	7.18
LLB 2 (Fast Track)	3	1.66
LLB 2	51	28.18
BBA III	19	10.50
BBA II	6	3.31
BSS III	10	5.52
BSS II	8	4.42
Total	181	100

Annex 3 - Mentors Profile

Barrister	12
DOJ	8
Government	2
In-house counsel	6
Judiciary	4
Solicitor	53
	85



- Total number of mentors is 85.

List of Mentors, Wednesday, 22 October 2008**Annex 4**

Group no.	Name	Company/Firm (if applicable)
22-01	The Hon Mr Justice Patrick CHAN, PJ Mrs Rosana WONG	Court of Final Appeal IBM China/Hong Kong Limited
22-02	Master Simon KWANG Mr Jackson CHEUNG	Judiciary Philip Tsui & Jackson Cheung, Solicitors
22-03	Master Jack WONG Ms Wendy CHAN	High Court Boughton Peterson Yang Anderson
22-04	Ms Carol CHEN Ms Priscilla K L CHOY	F Zimmern & Co.
22-05	Mr Patrick CHEUNG Mr Joseph L B TSE	Department Of Justice Allen & Overy
22-06	Mr Peter CHEUNG Mr Alex LIU	Intellectual Property Dept Boase Cohen & Collins
22-07	Mr Alfred CHOW Mr Frank POON	Kwan & Chow Department Of Justice
22-08	Mr Albert T. da ROSA, Jr. Mr Andrew Y S MAK	Cheung, Tong & Rosa Solicitors Sir Oswald Cheung's Chambers
22-09	Mr Mark DALY Mr Albert XAVIER	Barnes & Daly Barrister-at-law
22-10	Ms Angela M. K. HO Mr Dickson K F PANG	Angela Ho & Associates Y C Lee, Pang, Kwok & Ip
22-11	Ms Elaine HO Mr James TZE	He Qillian & Associates. Solicitors Admiralty Chambers
22-12	Mrs Winnie HO NG Mr Eamonn O'CONNELL	Civil Division, Department of Justice Official Receiver's Office
22-13	Ms Charmaine KOO Mr Taylor HUI	Deacons Deacons
22-14	Ms Patsy Y L LAU Mrs Daisy Wai Lan TONG	Deacons Deacons
22-15	Ms. Amy LIU Mr Albert K C YAU	Charles Yeung Clement Lam Liu & Yip Tower Chambers
22-16	Ms Elizabeth W Y MO Mr LOK Hing Wah	Company Registry, Hong Kong Lok Hing Wah & Co.
22-17	Ms Asha SHARMA Mr. Michael VIDLER	Richards Butler in association with Reed Smith LLP Vidler & Co. Solicitors
22-18	Mr Albert H K TSANG	Barrister-at-law
22-19	Ms Jennifer K W TSUI Mr Steven M W SHUM	Alan Leong S.C.'s Chambers Sit, Fung, Kwong & Shum
22-20	Mr Allen C P WONG Mr Lawrence S Y YEE	Simmons & Simmons O'Melveny & Myers
22-21	Ms Sandy WONG Mr Johnny CHAN	Boughton Peterson Yang Anderson Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

22-22	Ms Eirene Y C YEUNG Mr Gilbert S K MO	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice
22-23	Ms Rhoda Y K YUNG Mr Alexander QUE	Deacons Deacons
22-24	Ms Kasin Chan Mr Simon Phillips	Simmons & Simmons Simmons & Simmons

List of Mentors, Thursday, 23 October 2008

Group no.	Name	Company/Firm (if applicable)
23-01	Mr Ronny TONG SC	Temple Chambers
23-02	Mr Alan K K LEONG SC Miss Catherine MUN	Alan Leong S.C.'s Chambers Baker & McKenzie
23-03	Mr Paul SHIEH SC Miss Marina TSANG	Temple Chambers Wong, Fung & Co
23-04	Mr Anderson K M CHOW SC Mrs Gloria S M JONES	Temple Chambers Clyde & Co
23-05	Ms Rayne CHAI Mr Tommy TAM	Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice Sit, Fung, Kwong & Shum
23-06	Miss Helen CHAN Ms Polly CHU	Air Products Asia, Inc. DLA Piper Hong Kong
23-07	Mr Robert CHAN Mr Francis H C LO	Chui & Lau Prosecutions Division, Department of Justice
23-08	Mr Keith P K CHEUNG Mr Stephen TANG	JSM Convention Chambers
23-09	Mrs Peggy CHEUNG Mr Wesley W C WONG	Jones Day Civil Division, Department of Justice
23-10	Mr CHEUNG Wai Hing	Woo, Kwan, Lee & Lo
23-11	Mr Edward L S CHOW Mr Kenneth SIT	Shatin Magistrates' Courts Kenneth Sit, Solicitors
23-12	Mr Ivan CHU Mr Lawrence TSE	Wilkinson & Grist The Securities & Futures Commission
23-13	Mr FONG Ho Yin Mr Dennis LI	Kwan & Chow Winston Chu & Co
23-14	Mr Wallace HONG Mr Simon SIU	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Simon Siu, Wong, Lam & Chan
23-15	Mr Emmanuel KAO Mr Erik S M SHUM	Kao, Lee & Yip Erik Shum's Chambers
23-16	Mr Joseph KWAN Mr Alfred TAM	Deacons Deacons

23-17	Mr POON Wing Mr Tony YEN	Hoosenally & Neo Formerly Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice
23-18	Ms Annie WONG Mr Philip W C WONG	Gallant Y. T. Ho & Co Gallant Y. T. Ho & Co
23-19	Ms Christine WONG Mr Albert LEUNG	Linklaters ONC Layers
23-20	Ms Lily HO Ms Catherine YIP	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Woo Kwan Lee & Lo