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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LAW SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Law Society provide for associate membership. It is available to:

"ARTICLE 3b)"

- (b) Any person, upon evidence that he holds a legal professional qualification outside Hong Kong, shall be entitled to apply to the Council for admission to the Society as an Associate Member and application shall be made in such form as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council which shall not be obliged to admit any such person to Associate Membership."

WHAT PRIVILEGES DOES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP GIVE?

Associate membership status can be defined as a form of non-voting membership of the Law Society. Associate members will therefore receive all the privileges that solicitor members receive. These include:

- a) receipt of the Law Society's weekly circulars;
- b) receipt of the Law Society's monthly Journal "Hong Kong Lawyer";
- c) access to the members only website;
- d) use of the Law Society Clubhouse, library and cyber café; and
- e) participation in the events of the Law Society and Law Society groups.

Associate membership does not grant the right to vote in Law Society elections or to stand for election to the Council.

WHAT DUTIES DOES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ENTAIL?

Associate members must undertake to act in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles and Practice Directions. These are not the same as the Rules of Professional Conduct for solicitors issued by the Law Society. They refer to the expectations as regards standards of behaviour from members of the Law Society as a club.

In particular, associate membership does not entitle its holder to practise as a solicitor or to claim Hong Kong legal qualification or professional title. Associate membership must not be used in any way to suggest that the holder is able to advise on the laws of Hong Kong or appear before the courts of this jurisdiction. "Associate Member" should not, therefore, appear in any advertisement, stationery or name plate.

HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to become an associate member of the Law Society you must complete the attached application form and send it to the address given.

It is important that with this form you enclose a letter from your own professional body (Law Society or Bar Association) confirming that you are a member of that professional body and entitled to practise under your own professional title in your home jurisdiction, and that you are in good standing with your professional body. This letter or certificate of good standing should have been issued not more than three months prior to the application for affiliate status. Foreign lawyers who are currently registered with the Law Society are exempt from this provision.

The annual membership subscription for an associate member is \$1,400.00. Please enclose a cheque or bankers draft for this sum with your application, made payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong".

If you have any further questions concerning associate membership including eligibility, please contact:

Registration Section
The Law Society of Hong Kong
3/F, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong
Tel: 2846 0500
Fax: 2845 0387

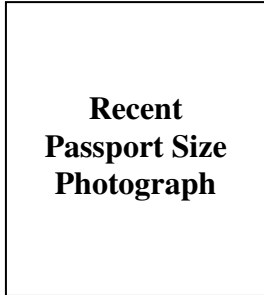
APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

This form should be completed by all applicants for associate membership with the Law Society, and returned with all supporting documentation to the address below. For details on the privileges accorded to associate members and for information regarding eligibility please refer to the information sheet. If you have any queries regarding eligibility etc. please refer these to the address on the information sheet.

1. TITLE: _____ (e.g. Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.)

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____
(As stated on HKID card / passport)



2. FIRM/ORGANISATION: _____

3. MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(P.O. Box Number Not Acceptable)

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER Business: _____ Home: _____

Pager or Mobile: _____

5. FAX NUMBER Business: _____ Home: _____

6. EMAIL ADDRESS _____

7. PLEASE GIVE YOUR PROFESSIONAL TITLE _____
(e.g. solicitor / barrister / attorney / advocate etc.)

8. PLEASE STATE THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH YOU ARE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

9. PLEASE GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL BODY (e.g. Law Society / Bar Association / Order des Avocats etc.)

(PLEASE NOTE : unless you are currently a registered foreign lawyer you will need to obtain a letter from your professional body indicating that you are a member of that body in good standing and are entitled to practice as such)

10. PLEASE STATE THE NATURE OF YOUR PRACTICE
(eg. firm of US attorneys / cabinet d'avocats / self-employed consultant / employed in-house / employed in solicitors' firm etc.)

11. (I) PLEASE BRIEFLY STATE THE REASONS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

(II) IN WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY/ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW SOCIETY WILL YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE:

- Joining a committee or working party
- Assisting in law week organisation or activities
- Contributing articles for publication in Hong Kong Lawyer
- Participating in giving CPD lectures
- Participating in Law Society's recreational and sports activities
- Promoting any other interests
(please specify: _____)

I enclose a cheque for HK\$1,400.00 made payable to "The Law Society of Hong Kong"

I enclose a letter of good standing from my professional body
(not required if you are currently a registered foreign lawyer in Hong Kong)

(PLEASE NOTE: Your application cannot be processed without these two attachments)

I apply for an Associate Member Card *

If granted Associate Membership of the Law Society I hereby undertake to abide by the provisions of the Memorandum & Articles and Practice Directions of the Society.

I further undertake that I will not attempt or in any way represent myself as qualified to act as a Hong Kong solicitor. In particular, I will not use my status with the Law Society in any advertising, professional stationery or name plates.

I understand that if I fail to comply with these undertakings I may lose my status with the Law Society.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Note: Tick for confirmation
* The Card is valid for 3 years. A charge of \$50 will be imposed for replacement of lost card.

Personal Information Collection Statement

1. Your personal data collected using this form ("the data") will be used by the Law Society for the purposes of exercising its powers under the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation (Chapter 159) and administering or enforcing the relevant provisions of the said Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation, and for any other legitimate purposes as may be required, authorized or permitted by law.
2. The data may be disclosed to relevant government departments and related organizations and to persons in the Law Society with responsibility for carrying out the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1 above.
3. You have a right to request access to and correction of the data. Any such request should be addressed to the Secretary General, the Law Society of Hong Kong, 3/F, Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.