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Mrs. Percy Ma,
clerk to Panel on Administration of Justice
and Legal Services,
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road,
Central,
Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**PANEL ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND LEGAL SERVICES
MEETING ON 23 JUNE 2008
Item V - Pre-Trial Interviewing of Witnesses by Prosecutors**

Thank you for your letters dated 2 and 28 May and 18 June 2008 and the relevant papers on the above subject.

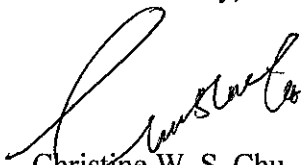
The Society's Criminal Law & Procedure Committee noted that the Administration has launched a 9-month pilot scheme to review the desirability of introducing a scheme for the conduct of pre-trial witness interviews by prosecutors in Hong Kong. Members have some concern over the practicality of the proposed scheme and we are presently seeking an understanding of the overseas experience from our counterparts in other jurisdictions. We hope to be in a position to revert with our views on this proposed scheme to the LegCo Panel before the pilot scheme will end in December.

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We do not think it will be helpful to send representatives to the LegCo Panel meeting at this stage but shall be very interested to be kept informed of the discussions on the subject.

Yours faithfully,



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