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Subcommittee on Commencement Notices related to Five Sets of Amendment Rules made under Sections 73 and 73A of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and Gazetted on 17 July 2015

Minutes of the first meeting held on Friday, 30 October 2015, at 2:00 pm in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex

Members : Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP (Chairman)

present Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Dennis KWOK Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Clerk in : Mr Anthony CHU

attendance Chief Council Secretary (4)1

Staff in : Miss Carrie WONG

attendance Assistant Legal Adviser 4

Ms Wendy JAN

Senior Council Secretary (4)7

Ms Margie LI

Senior Legislative Assistant (4)3

Action

I. Election of Chairman

<u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u>, the member present who had the highest precedence, presided at the meeting and called for nominations for the chairmanship of the

Subcommittee. Mr Dennis KWOK nominated Dr Priscilla LEUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan. Dr Priscilla LEUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Dr Priscilla LEUNG was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee.

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II. Any other business

L.N. 161 of 2015

-- Solicitors' Accounts
(Amendment) Rules 2012
(Commencement) Notice

L.N. 162 of 2015

-- Accountant's Report
(Amendment) Rules 2012
(Commencement) Notice

L.N. 163 of 2015

-- Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) (Amendment) Rules 2012 (Commencement) Notice

L.N. 164 of 2015

-- Solicitors' Practice
(Amendment) Rules 2012
(Commencement) Notice

L.N. 165 of 2015

-- Foreign Lawyers Practice
(Amendment) Rules 2012
(Commencement) Notice

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- 2. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).
- 3. <u>The Chairman</u> informed members that the representatives of the Law Society of Hong Kong ("Law Society") were unable to attend this meeting due to prior engagement. <u>Members</u> agreed to invite the representatives of Law Society to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 5:30 pm, to brief members on the time taken for bringing the Amendment Rules into operation since their gazettal on 12 October 2012, the progress of the preparatory work in relation to the implementation of the relevant rules and other related issues.

- 4. <u>Members</u> also agreed that it was unnecessary for the Subcommittee to invite the public to give views on the Commencement Notices related to the Five Sets of Amendment Rules made under Sections 73 and 73A of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance and Gazetted on 17 July 2015 ("the Commencement Notices").
- 5. In order to allow more time for scrutiny, <u>members</u> agreed that the Chairman would move a motion at the Council meeting on 4 November 2015 to extend the scrutiny period of the Commencement Notices to 2 December 2015.
- 6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:07 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
Election of Chairman			
000305 - 000334	Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mr Dennis KWOK Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan	Election of Chairman	
Any other business			
000335 - 000712	Chairman Mr Dennis KWOK Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan Mr Paul TSE ALA4	Date of next meeting Invitation for views Extension of the scrutiny period	

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