

## **Announcement**

### **Direct Professional Access to Barristers for Corporate Members of the HKIE**

With the growing need for legal and dispute resolution services of the members of the Institution, we are pleased to announce that, with effect from 15 June 2015, Corporate Members of the HKIE may instruct Hong Kong barristers directly for advice and appearance in tribunal proceedings in accordance with Annex 19I of the Code of Conduct of the Hong Kong Bar Association (HKBA).

The HKIE and the Bar Council of the HKBA have agreed on the standard terms of engagement for the HKIE Members to instruct barristers. These standard terms are deemed to apply unless and to the extent that they are excluded or varied by agreement between the instructing Member and the barrister in any particular matter.

Please click [here](#) for further details regarding the Code of Conduct of the Bar Council, particularly on the Annex 19I and Annex 20.

Ir Prof C K Lau, Chairman of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee said: “We are pleased to see that the HKIE has now become one of the recognised professional bodies for the purpose of direct professional access to barristers in Hong Kong. We are confident that those HKIE members involved in dispute resolution and contract administration would welcome this arrangement. We are organising a seminar to discuss how, when and what this direct professional access arrangement may lead to in operation, and to further provide practical tips for working with barristers under the arrangement.”

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee