

# Effective Representation Before the Legislative Council - An Introduction to Rules and Practices of the Legislative Council



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Dr. Ma was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1998 and was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2015.

This course will provide an examination of the rules and practices adopted by the Legislative Council in the exercise and performance of its powers and functions under the Basic Law with a view to assisting legal practitioners in their handling of matters involving the Council, which may necessitate their appearing before the Council's committees on behalf of their clients.

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## The course will cover:

- **Law making process**
  1. The 3-reading procedure on a bill
  2. Operation of Bills Committees
  3. Amendment to bills
- **Scrutiny of subsidiary legislation**
  1. The negative vetting procedure - LegCo's power to amend subsidiary legislation tabled
  2. The positive vetting procedure - LegCo's power to approve and amend proposed subsidiary legislation
  3. LegCo procedures for scrutiny of subsidiary legislation
  4. Limitations on amendments to subsidiary legislation
- **Approval of public expenditure**
  1. Appropriation Bill and the Estimates
  2. Changes to the Estimates by Finance Committee under the Public Finance Ordinance
  3. Statutory Funds
- **Operation of committees vested with investigatory powers**
  1. Provisions in the Basic Law and Rules of Procedure
  2. Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance
  3. Practice and procedure of committees

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