

In Memory of Patrick Yu Shuk-Siu

懷念敬愛的余叔韶大律師

There are 2 unforgettable legends in our legal profession. One is Sir John Joseph Swaine, the former President of the Legislative Council, and the other is Mr. Patrick Yu. Regret that both are not with us anymore.

The following are excerpts from the press release of Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong:

‘The Faculty of Law is sad to share with colleagues, alumni, students and the profession the passing of Patrick Yu (BA 1942) on 12 January 2019. Patrick was one of the Faculty’s founding fathers. He was an early advocate of a law school for Hong Kong’

“In his memoirs he recalls being ‘naturally overwhelmed with pride and satisfaction to see the law school for which I had been clamouring for some twenty years become a reality’”

“Patrick Yu was one of Hong Kong’s foremost criminal barristers in a career that spanned several decades. Some of his most celebrated cases are recounted in two volumes of memoirs, which have become essential reading for law students. They are a permanent record of his consummate forensic skills and his success in securing justice for defendants, many of whom were from poor backgrounds. Patrick’s advice to students was that success depended on solid hard work and detailed planning and thought. He stressed the importance of ethics and conscience – advice that he exemplified throughout his long life with his own uncompromising moral courage”

For us, Mr. Yu is a very outstanding lawyer who was brave and witty. According to his family, he ‘loved to live and lived to love’. We, lawyers, mourn Mr. Yu’s passing. He is a great man.



法律行業有兩位令人難忘的英雄，一位是施偉賢爵士，另一位是余叔韶大律師，很遺憾兩位都不在了。

以下是香港大學法律學院發佈的摘錄：

「法律學院很遺憾向同業、校友、學生和業者宣佈，余叔韶大律師(BA 1942 年) 僑於 2019 年 1 月 12 日逝世。余叔韶大律師是法律學院的始創人之一，早年提倡在香港開設法律學院」

「他在回憶錄中回憶道，『看到我大力提倡了二十多年的法律學院終於成真，我非常自豪和滿意。』」

「余大律師是香港最舉足輕重的刑事大律師之一。他在兩卷回憶錄中敘述了最難忘的案例，已成為法律學生的必要讀物。它們永久記錄了余大律師的完美法證技巧，也是他成功為被告伸張正義的紀錄，其中許多人家境清貧。余大律師對學生的建議是，成功取決於堅實的努力和詳細的計劃和慎密的思考。他強調道德和良心的重要性，一生展示不妥協的道德勇氣，甚為後世楷模。」

在很多律師心目中，余大律師是一位超卓、正義及幽默的前輩。他的家人說余大律師「一生大愛，亦熱愛生命」。我們作為律師，哀悼余大律師的逝世。

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