

In Memory of Patrick Yu Shuk-Siu

怀念敬爱的余叔韶大律师

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.



法律行业有两位令人难忘的英雄，一位是施伟贤爵士，另一位是余叔韶大律师，很遗憾两位都不在了。

以下是香港大学法律学院发布的摘录：

「法律学院很遗憾向同业、校友、学生和业者宣布，余叔韶大律师(BA 1942 年) 憾于2019 年1 月12 日逝世。余叔韶大律师是法律学院的始创人之一，早年提倡在香港开设法律学院」

「他在回忆录中回忆道，『看到我大力提倡了二十多年的法律学院终于成真，我非常自豪和满意。』」

「余大律师是香港最举足轻重的刑事大律师之一。他在两卷回忆录中叙述了最难忘的案例，已成为法律学生的必要读物。它们永久记录了余大律师的完美法证技巧，也是他成功为被告伸张正义的纪录，其中许多人家境清贫。余大律师对学生的建议是，成功取决于坚实的努力和详细的计划和慎密的思考。他强调道德和良心的重要性，一生展示不妥协的道德勇气，甚为后世楷模。」

在很多律师心目中，余大律师是一位超卓、正义及幽默的前辈。他的家人说余大律师「一生大爱，亦热爱生命」。我们作为律师，哀悼余大律师的逝世。

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