

HONGKONG BARRISTERS TAKEN TO TASK – AGAIN!

*‘The insolence of office, and the spurns
That patient merit of th' unworthy takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin?’*

There was a time in the history of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) that the profession of advocacy was held in very high esteem.

So much so was this part of the professional landscape of the territory that bankers would not hesitate to advance money to a barrister, on request, based solely on the fact that the request for financing was being made by a member of that elite group of gentlemen and ladies in whom one may repose trust and faith.

But that was history.

Today, one would be well advised to think quite a number of times before engaging in financial matters with a member in good standing of [The Hongkong Bar Association](#) – sadly.

Also, when certain members of this profession run for public office, careful examination of a candidate's pedigree and credit standing may well be in order.

Because quite a number of barristers of the territory, clearly, are not to be trusted, as **TARGET** () has pointed out in a number of our publications.

Hang Lung Real Estate Agency Ltd (), one of the largest corporate landlords of the HKSAR, recently, sued the Chambers, shared by 4 barristers, for what one would surmise was the insignificant sum of \$HK46,160.

Hang Lung Real Estate launched its Claim in the HKSAR District Court for alleged non-payment of rent in respect of the Chambers, of which it is the Registered Owner.

The 4 barristers are named as being:

1. Mr Peter Richard Gallagher
2. Mr John Patrick McNamara
3. Mr John Christie Dunn
4. Mr Duncan Charles Hilary Percy.

It is alleged by Hang Lung Real Estate Agency that this quartet has not paid rent for the past month on the Chambers, located at:

Room 306 on the 3rd Floor,
Printing House,
Number 6, Duddell Street,
Central, Hongkong.

This is the second consecutive month that Hang Lung Real Estate Agency has sued the members of these Chambers, according to the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider).

TOLFIN's records indicate, also, that, on January 20, 2006, Hang Lung Real Estate Agency lodged a Writ in the HKSAR District Court, alleging that it was owed \$HK46,160 by the members of the Chambers, that amount of money, being one month's rent on the same premises.

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