BARRISTER GRAHAM ANTHONY HARRIS: THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU

Since 2002, Barrister Graham Anthony Harris has been sued, annually, by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong for alleged non-payment of tax.

And, for the 2006-year, he has been sued, once again, by The Commissioner, this year for \$HK602,519.

The Commissioner filed his Claim against the barrister in the District Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), just last week.

By simple arithmetic, the taxman of the HKSAR has assessed <u>Barrister</u> Graham Anthony Harris's earnings as being in the neighbourhood of \$HK4,016,793.33 for the relevant tax year.

This would suggest that Barrister Graham Anthony Harris had, in the past year or so, been earning about \$HK334,732.78 per month, on average.

Which is a little bit more than the average waiter, bus driver, street sweeper, or teller of a bank earns in an entire year.

The tally for Barrister Graham Anthony Harris, now, stands at 6 District Court Claims, the aggregate demands of those Claims, being \$HK3,371,260, and all, having been lodged by The Commissioner in a period of 4 years, according to the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider).

This is equivalent to about 15 years' net income for the average worker in the territory.

What is, perhaps, to be considered reprehensible about the Claims against Barrister Graham Anthony Harris is that a member in good standing of The Hongkong Bar Association, a person who is among the top earners of money in the territory, would act in the manner of some of the people for which he held/holds a brief.

Barrister Graham Anthony Harris has Chambers in Tower One, Lippo Centre, Suite 2604, an address which is just on the eastern edge of the Central Business District of Hongkong Island.

TOLFIN's records show that he was called to the HKSAR Bar on September 19, 1985, having been called to The Bar of the United Kingdom, about one decade prior to that date.

He has been an advocate for at least 31 years, therefore, and, surely, he must know the law as it pertains to the taxation system of the HKSAR.

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