

SOLICITOR STEPHEN FINLEY RECEIVES ANOTHER CLAIM

After a 6-month respite, Mr Stephen Finley, a practising solicitor of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), has reappeared in the Court system of the territory – as a Defendant in a District Court Writ of Summons!

This time around, an entity, located in London, England, has sued Mr [Stephen Finley](#), trading as Finley and Company, for £4,128.75 (about \$HK61,394).

The Defendant in HKSAR District Court Action, Number 4352, is David Keltie Associates of Fleet Place House, Number 2, Fleet Place, London EC4M 7ET, England.

According to the allegations of the Plaintiff, it was commissioned by Stephen Finley to perform '*several trademark applications lodged in the United Kingdom on the instructions of the Defendant ...*'.

The work, it is alleged, was performed between June 2003 and October 2003.

Today, '*Despite repeated requests and demands, the Defendant has failed to pay to the Plaintiff the outstanding balance in the sum of UK£4,128.75 in whole or any part thereof*', it is alleged at Paragraph 3 of the Statement of Claim, attached to Writ of Summons, Number 4352.

Mr Stephen Finley and his firm, Finley and Company, which has offices in Tower Two, Lippo Centre, Queensway, the HKSAR, appear to top the list of solicitors/solicitor firms, having collected the most number of claims over the past few years.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong fired off the most number of claims against Mr Stephen Finley between September 1997 and February 22, 2006, according to the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider).

In all, The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong sued Mr Stephen Finley a total of 11 times, claiming, in aggregate, about \$HK4.30 million.

In the HKSAR Magistrates' Court, Mr Stephen Finley has been called on 4 separate occasions to give reasons for alleged Breaches of Court Orders (2 incidents), and failing to furnish tax returns for individuals and employer's returns of the remuneration and pensions of employees (2 incidents).

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