WHO IS YOUR LAWYER ? IS HE/SHE ONE OF THE BELOW-MENTIONED ?

Quite a number of <u>solicitors and barristers</u>, practising law in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), appear to be the prime targets of, clearly, very irate former clients and landlords, in addition to The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong, who is going after them for alleged non-payment of taxes.

(For this exclusive report, TARGET is disregarding those HKSAR solicitors and barristers who are enjoying a striped suntan while languishing in HKSAR prisons for criminal offences.)

Over the past 2 months, the number of cases, where HKSAR solicitors and barristers have been named as Defendants in various HKSAR Courts, has been increasing steadily.

It, now, stands at something of a record level for any short period of time in any single year.

It was not that long ago when it was, indeed, rare to find the name of a solicitor or barrister as a Defendant in any Legal Proceedings in the HKSAR, other than an Application under The Legal Practitioner's Ordinance, Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hongkong.

Clearly, times have changed and, clearly, some solicitors and some barristers are just as crooked and conniving as any other member of society.

Which may be considered a little unfortunate in view of the mystique, surrounding the profession of law, the guardians of which are supposed to be setting an example to the laity.

For quite a number of banks, operating in the territory, the moment that an HKSAR solicitor or barrister is sued in any Court, that person is proscribed from doing any business for, or with, those banks, even with regard to the most menial of legal work.

In short, those banks are not willing to take the chance that a certain member of the legal profession of the HKSAR could be, on the face of it, untrustworthy, incompetent, and/or, perhaps, having innate intentions, bordering on criminality.

In the month of September, alone, **TARGET** () has recorded 7 Legal Proceedings of materiality, lodged in various HKSAR Courts, naming barristers and solicitors.

Last Thursday, Jiangsu Golden Civil Building Group (Hongkong) Company Ltd (()) issued High Court Action Number 2099, naming the following 2 Defendants:

1.	Mr Tse Yuen Ming ()	First Defendant
	Tung, Ng, Tse and Heung ()	Second

2. formerly known as George Tung, Jimmy Ng and Valent Tse

The Indorsement of Claim stated, only:

(1) Loss and damage suffered by reason of breach of contract and/or breach of duty of care owed by the 1st and 2nd Defendants to the Plaintiff arising out of or in connection

with the preparation of a Repayment Agreement executed in or about September 2000 by W. Ho Civil Engineering and Construction Company Limited and the Plaintiff and the preparation of a Deed of Guarantee given by Chau Wa Kin;

- (2) Interest on the sum(s) found to be due pursuant to sections 48 and 49 of the High Court Ordinance, Cap. 4;
- (3) Further and/or other relief; and
- *((4) Costs'*

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