MR JOHNNY CHAN YICK MAN: IS IT TIME, NOW, FOR THIS FORMER, WOULD-BE RESTAURATEUR TO RECEIVE HIS COME-UPPANCE ?

There is an old adage that wild carnivores will always stalk and hunt their prey in order to eat the meat of other animals.

No matter how much time is spent by animal trainers on trying to dissuade them from being hunters and meat-eaters, it is to little avail.

One cannot change the natural instincts of every living thing on this earth.

It is a proven fact, also, that incarcerating felons, even for long periods of time, has never proved to be a dissuading facet in converting the criminal mind to be in synchronization with accepting modes of human behavior in a civilised society.

And, then, one comes to the matter of Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man, once a would-be restaurateur of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Recently, The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd sued Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man in the HKSAR High Court, seeking, inter alia:

- 1. An Order that he shall deliver to The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd all of the books of the company for the period since its incorporation until September 12, 2006, including ledgers, vouchers, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, contracts, statutory records or other documents in relation to the business of the company;
- 2. Damages for Breach of Duties;
- 3. Further and Other Relief;
- 4. Interest and Costs.

The Statement of Claim, attached to Writ of Summons, Number 1509, alleges that The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd, which was incorporated in the HKSAR in November 1995, had as its shareholders:

1. Kadridge Ltd2. KKH Investments LLC3. Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man4. Ms Lily Hu**Ms Lily Hu is the wife of Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man.

There were only 2 Directors of The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd, to wit, Mr Albert Lo and Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man.

Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man, Paragraph 2 of the Statement of Claim alleges, 'was only removed as a director on 12 September 2006.'

The significant word here is 'removed'.

At Paragraph 3 of the Statement of Claim, it is alleged that The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd owned a company in the PRC, named Beijing Jing Gang Ren Feng Company Ltd, the business of which was trading in wine in the PRC.

In the HKSAR, The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd had an office which was operated, on a daily basis, by Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man.

Mr Albert Lo 'entrusted the operation of the Plaintiff (The Hongkong Wine Club Ltd) in Hong Kong to the Defendant (Mr Johnny Chan Yick Man) until the Defendant was removed as a director of the Plaintiff on 12 September 2006, 'Paragraph 4 alleges.

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