## HIS NAME IS JOHN JOSEPH EDWARD SWAINE ... AND HE IS BACK AS A DEFENDANT IN THE DISTRICT COURT

After an absence of about 3 years and 3 months, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine () is back among the Defendants of the District Court of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

According to the database of **TOLFIN** () (the Computerised, Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider), The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong has sued Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine for \$HK68,618 in respect of alleged non-payment of tax.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is a barrister, practising in the HKSAR. He was called to The Bar in 1986.

He is the son of Sir John Joseph Swaine, formerly a very senior barrister of the HKSAR.

The last time that **TARGET** () wrote about Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was back in 2003 when it was noted that The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong had sued this gentleman for \$HK1,194,771, also in respect of an alleged, unpaid tax bill.

About 10 months prior to the lodging of HKSAR District Court Action, Number 8067 of 2003, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was the Defendant in HKSAR District Court Action, Number 6435 of 2002, an Action, also, brought by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong in respect of alleged unpaid taxation matters.

Also in 2002, C.E.C. Finance Ltd () sued Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine for \$HK100,282.87 in respect of a dispute over a purported, hire-purchase agreement.

And about 13 months, prior to the filing of the C.E.C. Finance Action, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was sued in the HKSAR District Court for alleged non-payment of rent in the amount of \$HK292,000.

The history of this member of the legal fraternity of the HKSAR records case after case, going back more than a decade, when Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was sued for one thing or another.

Of all of the members of The Hongkong Bar Association and/or The Law Society of Hongkong, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine tops the list of the most-sued member.

What may be considered surprising to many right-minded members of the HKSAR laity about Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is that it does not appear to matter to this gentleman that he is brought to book so many times by so many entities and/or The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong.

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