## JOHN JOSEPH EDWARD SWAINE IS SUED, ONCE AGAIN !

It appears that there is no ceiling to the mountain of legal claims, lodged against the son of Sir John Joseph Swaine (), a senior barrister of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Today, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine () is facing a claim from The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong for alleged non-payment of tax in the amount of \$HK163,250.00.

This is not the first time that Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine, himself, a barrister, practising in the HKSAR (when he is not defending himself in a court of law, that is) has been sued by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong.

According to the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised, Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider), Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has been sued by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong not less than 9 times over the past 12 years.

In each and every case where The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong has launched an Action in the District Court, naming Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine as Defendant, it has been for the alleged non-payment of tax.

In total, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has been sued by the Hongkong taxman for not less than \$HK4.18 million since November 19, 1996.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has the questionable distinction of the being the most-sued barrister of the HKSAR by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong.

In addition to the claims, lodged by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine, also known as Mr J. E. John Swaine, has been sued, once by C.E.C. Finance Ltd () for \$HK100,282.87 in respect of an alleged Hire-Purchase Contract, and 9 times by Baynard Ltd for \$HK1,533,000.00 in respect of alleged non-payment of rent.

In addition, Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine/Mr J.E. John Swaine has been sued by American Express International in respect of \$HK428,645.03, being an alleged Amount Due.

For The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of Hongkong to lodge a claim for \$HK163,250, it must have been with regard to the suggestion that Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine had earned in excess of \$HK2.50 million within the period of one fiscal year.

That is an income of at least \$HK208,333 per month.

There are precious few people in this territory that can boast of a monthly income of this chunk of change, **TARGET** () would suggest.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has been practising in the HKSAR since 1986 when he was called to The Bar.

There was a time that the profession of advocacy was considered a noble occupation, when only the erudite and those endowed with the highest ideals of truth and righteousness could enter the profession.

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