

**BARRISTER JOHN JOSEPH EDWARD SWAINE IS
ON THE FIRING LINE, ONCE AGAIN**

After an absence of about one year, Mr [John Joseph Edward Swaine \(\)](#) is back on the roll of persons, alleged to owe the Government of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of Hongkong Ltd some money in respect of unpaid taxes.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of the HKSAR has just sued this barrister for \$HK235,325 in respect of an alleged tax claim, according the database of **TOLFIN** () (The Computerised, Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider).

Having The Commissioner of Inland Revenue slap a Writ of Summons on Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is, really, no big shakes because, over the past 12 years or so, this HKSAR barrister has been sued by The Commissioner not less than 10 times.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is the son of the very distinguished Senior Counsel of the HKSAR, Sir John Joseph Swaine ().

The last time that The Commissioner of Inland Revenue sued Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was in May 2009 – about one year ago – when a claim in the amount of \$HK163,250 was made against the gentleman.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has the questionable distinction of being among the most sued member of his profession in the territory by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

According to **TOLFIN**'s records, the total amount of money, having been claimed by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue against Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine is, now, not less than \$HK4.34 million.

Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine was called to The Bar of the HKSAR in 1986 so that, really, it must be said that he has something of a love affair with the law – and, perhaps, with defending himself against Legal Claims, lodged by The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of the HKSAR.

In addition to fending off Legal Claims from The Commissioner of Inland Revenue of the HKSAR, **TOLFIN**'S database, also, shows that Mr John Joseph Edward Swaine has been sued:

- Once by C.E.C. Finance Ltd () (the name of this company has, now, been changed to BMW Financial Services Hongkong Ltd) for \$HK100,282.87 in respect of a purported hire-purchase contract;
- Nine times by Baynard Ltd for about \$HK1.53 million in respect of alleged non-payment of rent; and,
- Once by American Express International for \$HK428,645.03, being an alleged amount due.

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