

**SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IS SUED BY
LEADING LIGHTS OF THE HKSAR LEGAL FRATERNITY**

Two leading lights of legal fraternity of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) have issued proceedings in the territory's High Court, seeking, inter alia, Damages for Defamation, including Aggravated and Special Damages.

The Plaintiffs in HKSAR High Court, Action Number 1634 of 2015, are:

Mr Andrew Lam Ping Cheung, also known as Lam Ping Cheung ()	First Plaintiff
Mr Kevin Barry Egan (), also known as Kevin Egan	Second Plaintiff

There are three Defendants to this Action. They are:

South China Morning Post Publishers Ltd ()	First Defendant
Mr Wang Xiang Wei ()	Second Defendant
Ms Lana Lam	Third Defendant

The First Plaintiff is a well-known and respected Solicitor of the HKSAR, his legal firm, being Lam and Company (). Mr Andrew Lam Ping Cheung is said to have had more than 30 years of experience in his chosen profession.

The Second Plaintiff is a barrister who was called to the Hongkong Bar on July 30, 1990.

The First Defendant is the Publisher of the English language, daily newspaper, published in the HKSAR, known as South China Morning Post.

The Second Defendant is said to be the Chief Editor of South China Morning Post.

The Third Defendant is said to have been the author of an article that appeared in South China Morning Post on July 17, 2015.

The Two Plaintiffs have engaged the services of Counsel, suggesting that this matter is of great importance to the Plaintiffs.

Since this matter is sub judice, **TARGET** () is restrained from making any comment, relating to any and all allegations, complained of in the Statement of Claim, attached to Writ of Summons, Number 1634 of 2015.

The following is a verbatim copy of the complete Statement of Claim:

'1. At all material times:

1.1 The 1st Plaintiff was and is a solicitor admitted to the High Court of Hong Kong and a partner of Lam & Co., having had over 30 years post-qualification

experience.

- 1.2 *The 2nd Plaintiff was and is a barrister called to the Hong Kong Bar on 3 July, 1990.*
- ‘2. *The 1st Defendant was and is the publisher of South China Morning Post (“SCMP”), a newspaper published in the English language with a wide circulation both in Hong Kong and overseas, together with electronic access to readers of the world at large through their website www.scmp.com.*
- ‘3. *The 2nd Defendant was and is the employee, servant and agent of the 1st Defendant and the chief-editor of the SCMP and is responsible for, amongst other things, for the editing and supervision of all articles published in SCMP.*
- ‘4. *The 3rd Defendant was and is the employee, servant and agent of the 1st Defendant and was the author of the article appearing on SCMP publication on 17 July 2015 (“the Article”).*

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