

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE (Chapter 159)

ORDER THAT A SOLICITOR BE STRUCK OFF FROM PRACTISING
POON, FUNG CHI FARAH

In accordance with section 12(2) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159), I hereby give notice that on 30 May 2019 a Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal ('the Tribunal') found 11 complaints against Poon, Fung Chi Farah ('the 2nd Respondent') proved. The complaints were that the 2nd Respondent acted in breach of Rules 7, 9A, 10(1), 10(2), 10(3), 10A and 11 of the Solicitors' Accounts Rules (Chapter 159F), section 8AA of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159), Rules 2(d), 2(e) and 4A of the Solicitors' Practice Rules (Chapter 159H) and Principle 2.04 of the Hong Kong Solicitors' Guide to Professional Conduct, Volume 1, 3rd edition. The 2nd Respondent committed the common law disciplinary offence of misconduct.

The Tribunal ordered that:—

- (1) The 2nd Respondent be:—
 - (i) censured and fined HK\$100,000.00 on Complaints 1, 2 and 3;
 - (ii) censured and fined HK\$20,000.00 on Complaint 4;
 - (iii) suspended from practising as a solicitor for 12 months and fined HK\$50,000.00 on Complaint 5;
 - (iv) struck off the Roll of Solicitors and fined HK\$150,000.00 on Complaints 6 and 7;
 - (v) fined HK\$80,000.00 on Complaint 8;
 - (vi) censured and fined HK\$50,000.00 on Complaints 9 and 10.
- (2) Costs of these proceedings including the costs incurred by the Law Society in investigating the matter and the costs of these proceedings of HK\$155,487.52; the Prosecutor's costs and disbursements of HK\$269,563.50 and the costs of the Clerk to the Tribunal of HK\$24,000.00 be paid in full by the Respondents.

The Order of the Tribunal dated 30 May 2019 was filed by the Clerk to the Tribunal with the Registrar on 3 June 2019.

3 June 2019

Simon KWANG *Registrar, High Court*