

## HA PON LIN EMILY (the Respondent)

Rule 2(a) and (d) of the Solicitors' Practice Rules (SPR).

**Hearing date: 17 March 2009.**

**Findings and order: 28 April 2009.**

The Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal found the following complaint against the Respondent proved on her own plea:

- Breach of Rule 2(a) and (d) of the SPR in that the Respondent was convicted of one charge of conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice, contrary to common law and ss 159A and 159C of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap 200) in the District Court of the HKSAR and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. Such conduct is unbecoming a solicitor.

### **The Tribunal ordered that:**

1. the Respondent be suspended from practising as a solicitor for a period of three years;
2. after the suspension of practice, for a cumulative period of the first three years when the Respondent resumes her practice as a solicitor: (i) she cannot practise as a sole proprietor or partner but only as an employed solicitor; and (ii) she must practise under the close supervision of another solicitor of at least ten years' standing, who is either a senior partner or sole practitioner of a law firm;
3. the costs of the proceedings, including the Applicant's and Clerk's costs, shall be borne by the Respondent.

*Miss Gloria Wong and Mr Ricky Ng for the Law Society.*

*Miss Catherine Wong instructed by Messrs To, Lam & Co for the Respondent.*

Tribunal Members:

Mr Fong Ho Yin (Chairman)

Mr Ho Chi Ming Mathew

Miss Leung So Wan Susan