KWONG Wai Chuen Paul (first respondent) SO Kit Yee Kitty (second respondent) CHAN Wui Yuen (third respondent)

Rule 4A of the Solicitors' Practice Rules Principle 9.05 of the Guide to Professional Conduct of Solicitors of England and Wales 1990 Edition Dishonourable Conduct A.1.(4) of the Practice Directions 1990

Hearing date: 18 December 1998 Decision: 21 December 1998

On 18 December 1998 the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal found on the respondents' own admissions and the agreed facts that the following complaints against the respondents were proved:

Against first respondent:

Breach of Rule 4A of the Solicitors' Practice Rules for failing to supervise his office properly.

Against second respondent:

Breach of Principle 9.05 of the Guide to Professional Conduct of Solicitors of England and Wales 1990 Edition for failing to obtain written instructions from clients confirming that the clients wished her to act.

Breach of Rule 4A of the Solicitors' Practice Rules for failing to supervise her office properly.

Against third respondent:

Dishonourable conduct for attesting that he had interpreted a document when he had not done so.

Breach of A.1.(4) of the Practice Directions 1990 for signing a document as a witness without typing or printing his name in full below his signature.

The Tribunal ordered that:

- the first respondent be fined \$65,000;
- the second respondent be fined \$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively for the two complaints proved;
- the third respondent be censured;
- the costs of and incidental to the proceedings including all prior inquiries and investigations in relation to the matters before the Tribunal be paid by the respondents in equal shares, such costs to be taxed on a full indemnity basis if not agreed.

Nicholas Hunsworth of Messrs Johnson Stokes & Master for the Law Society of Hong Kong. The first respondent in person. Benjamin Chain instructed by Messrs So & Co for the second respondent. Anthony Tang of Messrs Laurence Pang & Co for the third respondent.

Tribunal Members Mr Dominic Lai (Chairman) Mr Chan Kai Wing Mr Chan Wing Kee, OBE, JP