

## David Michael Layard Horsfall (the “Respondent”), a Solicitor

- *Rule 2(a) and (d) of the [Solicitors’ Practice Rules \(the “SPR”\)](#)*
- *Principle 1.02 of [The Hong Kong Solicitors’ Guide to Professional Conduct \(Volume 1–2nd Edition\) \(the “Guide”\)](#)*

### Hearing Date

6 June 2016

### Findings and Order

6 September 2016

On 6 June 2016, the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal found the following complaints against the Respondent proved on his own admissions:

Breaches of r. 2(a) and (d) of the SPR and principle 1.02 of the Guide, in that the Respondent on 13 February 2013 was ordered by the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal in England to be struck off the Roll of Solicitors in England & Wales upon his conviction by Southwark Crown Court on 5 October 2011 on his own plea of guilty for fraud by false representation contrary to s. 1(2) of the [Fraud Act 2006](#).

Having considered the written submissions made by the Respondent and the Applicant, the Tribunal ordered that the Respondent:

1. be struck off the Roll of Solicitors; and
2. to pay the costs of the proceedings, including the costs of the Clerk, the costs of the Applicant in the investigation of the matter and the reserved costs, such costs to be taxed on a party and party basis if not agreed.

*Mr. Paulus Lau, In-House Prosecutor of The Law Society of Hong Kong, for the Applicant*

*The Respondent, in person, not present, lodged an affidavit, written submissions in mitigation and a skeleton argument*

*Mr. Patrick M K Hui, Clerk to the Tribunal*

*Tribunal Members:*

*Mr. Ng Man Kin (Chairman) Mr. Henry Fung*

*Ms. Yau Lai-ping*

*David Michael Layard Horsfall*