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**BY HAND** 

Hong Kong Bar Association LG2, High Court 38 Queensway Hong Kong

Attention: Anson Wong S.C.

Dear Mr Wong,

Re: Discipline 15/2015
Discipline 01/2017 (8 March 2017 Complaints)
Discipline 01/2017 (3 Aug 2017 Complaint)
Discipline 03/2017

Thank you for your 3 (three) respective letters dated 3 August 2017 with respect to 3 (three) distinct complaints namely Discipline 15/2015, Discipline 01/2017 (8 March 2017 complaint) and the latest fresh complaint Discipline 01/2017 (3 August 2017). I also mention complaint Discipline 03/2017 as I have not yet been able to address that specific complaint due to significant constraints on my time.

In relation to the above mentioned 4 (four) complaints, the recent BDT matter under Discipline 17/2012 and in particular, the content of your 1<sup>st</sup> letter dated 3 August 2017 (Discipline 01/2017), extremely serious issues and concerns are raised that necessitate legal advice.

Beyond the significant constraints on my time, I am currently in the process of obtaining legal advice from Queen's Counsel and he will require time to provide that advice. As of consequence, I will require further time to fully address the above complaints. I am

advised by Queen's Counsel that he will require at least 3 (three) months to provide such advice. Thereafter I will be in a position to fully address the above complaints.

Concerning Discipline 01/2017 (3 Aug 2017 Complaint) as found in your 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter, there is a timing issue with the Torture Claim Appeal Board hearings commencing from 16 October 2017 onwards. Therefore, I do require more time and will endeavour to obtain legal advice on that specific complaint and address the Standing Committee on Discipline request by no later than 6 September 2017.

Yours sincerely

Robert Tibbo