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1st Letter

Dear Mr. Tibbo,

Re: Complaint lodged against you in relation to Mr. Edward Snowden

I refer to your letter dated 10 May 2017 (“your said letter”).

In your said letter, you suggested that there were discussions at the Annual General Meeting of the Bar Association held on 19 January 2017 (“the AGM”) concerning an unnamed Canadian national who is a member of the Hong Kong Bar.

The Standing Committee on Discipline (“the Standing Committee”) is unable to see the relevance of your alleged discussions at the AGM concerning the unnamed Canadian national of the Hong Kong Bar to the complaint currently made against you. That said, without accepting the relevance of such alleged discussions, the Standing Committee has reviewed materials concerning the AGM and is presently unable to identify any such alleged discussions. According to the usual practice, the minutes of the AGM will be made available to all members of the Bar before the next Annual General Meeting.

To assist the Standing Committee to understand your concerns regarding the alleged discussions and (if saw fit) to further look into such matter, I shall be grateful if you can provide the Standing Committee with a full explanation as to the relevance of the alleged

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discussions to the complaint made against you and further details of the alleged discussions took place at the AGM, such as (i) the agenda item(s) in respect of which such alleged discussions took place; and (ii) the identity of the member(s) raising or otherwise involving in such discussions, etc.


With respect to the other requests for documents or information set out in your said letter, the Standing Committee hereby provides you with the following documents concerning the "anonymous complaint" :-

- (i) Copies the letters from "Large Group of Exasperated Barristers" to the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary of the Bar Association, both dated 9 September 2016 with enclosures; and
- (ii) Copy of email from the former Chairman, Ms. Winnie Tam, SC to the Administrator sent on 10 September 2016.

With the exception of the above documents, the Standing Committee will not provide you with the other documents requested by you since those documents either are not in existence or are privileged and confidential. To put the matter beyond doubt, the Standing Committee hereby confirms that the anonymous complaint was not made verbally. Hence, there is no audio record of such complaint, nor is there any notes or written statements of any person receiving any verbal complaint.

In the light of the development in the matter, the Standing Committee shall give you a bit further time to provide your full response to our previous requests for documents and information concerning this complaint. Please give us your reply by **24 August 2017 (Thursday)**. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Anson Wong, SC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Discipline

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9 September 2016

The Chairman
Hong Kong Bar Association



Dear Chairman,

Re: Robert Tibbo : Barrister

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- 1) Tibbo has been quoted and provided photographs of himself and others. He has put his lay clients seeking refugees status in danger by providing highly confidential details permitting the publication of their details and photos for publication.
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- 4) It is disgraceful that Tibbo should be photographed and visiting Snowden in Moscow, as Snowden is an international fugitive on every Interpol Stop List.
- 5) This is all highly damaging to the HK Bar.

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