

**MEDIA STATEMENT/ ADVISORY**  
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**AGC FILES DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINT TO LAW SOCIETY AGAINST  
MR EDMUND WONG SIN YEE**

The Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) has filed a disciplinary complaint to the Law Society of Singapore (Law Society) against Mr Edmund Wong Sin Yee (Mr Wong) of M/s SY Wong Law Chambers LLP.

2 The complaint stems from a line of questioning that was advanced by Mr Wong during the course of criminal proceedings for an offence of outrage of modesty under section 354(1) of the Penal Code, Chapter 224, before District Judge Shawn Ho (DJ Ho) against Mr Wong's client, one Xu Jiadong (*Public Prosecutor v Xu Jiadong* [2016] SGMC 38). Among other things, Mr Wong had asked the victim to stand up so as to assess her "attractiveness"; and when the victim protested the offensiveness of his conduct, Mr Wong had replied that he intended to ask "*even more insulting question later on*". He had also suggested to the Court that he would have to know the victim's "breast size" and whether the victim had been wearing attire which was "very low cut with a (*sic*) very voluptuous breast protruding out" on the day of the incident. The Deputy Public Prosecutor had objected to Mr Wong's line of questioning, and the District Judge had put a stop to it. In his written Grounds of Decision, the District Judge had described Mr Wong's line of questioning as "indecent"; "scandalous"; apparently "intended to insult or annoy the victim"; and "lamentable".

3 In filing the complaint, the AGC is of the view that Mr Wong's conduct falls far short of the standards of professional conduct to be expected from an advocate and solicitor and represents a flagrant abuse of the function of the advocate and solicitor.

4 The AGC is also of the view that the implications of such lines of questioning are not limited to the instant case but bear broader repercussions on public confidence in the criminal legal process. The District Judge had noted in his Grounds of Decision that "the improper humiliation of victims of sexual offences during cross-examination could discourage future victims from coming forward."

5 The AGC notes that this is the second instance over the course of the past year in which it has been necessary for the AGC to refer Mr Wong to the Law Society for possible disciplinary actions. In November 2015, the AGC had lodged a complaint in respect of certain remarks made by Mr Wong, which included the use of expletives, in the course of another criminal trial. In respect of that earlier complaint, the AGC was informed by the Law Society on 3

August 2016 that the Council of the Law Society had decided to impose a penalty on Mr Wong.

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