- (ii) 在安排租客簽署臨約前,沒有向租客提供該執業通告附件之副本;及
- (iii)在安排租客簽署臨約前,沒有提醒租客 臨約中有關水電收費的條款可能違反該 《條例》的規定。
- (ii) Before arranging for the signing of the provisional tenancy agreement with the tenant, the salesperson failed to provide the tenant with a copy of the Annex of the Practice Circular; and
- (iii) Before arranging for the signing of the provisional tenancy agreement with the tenant, the salesperson failed to advise the tenant that the terms in relation to water and electricity charges contained in the said agreement may be contrary to the Ordinance.

## 結果 Result

個案交由監管局紀律委員會審理。紀律委員會認為,該營業員違反了執業通告中的多項規定。考慮到個案的性質、該營業員及其所屬地產代理公司的違規紀錄,紀律委員會決定紀律處分該營業員,包括向其罰款6,000港元及在其牌照附加進修條件,並訓誡其所屬地產代理公司。

The case was presented to the EAA Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee was of the view that the salesperson failed to comply with a number of requirements stipulated in the Practice Circular. Having considered the nature of the case, the disciplinary record of both the salesperson and her estate agency company, the Disciplinary Committee decided to, inter alia, impose a fine of HK\$6,000, and attach a condition of attending CPD courses to her licence. Her estate agency company is also admonished.



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## ■ 業界意見 Comment from trade

我相信今次事件對處理劏房業務的地產代理帶來警惕。地產代理公司應加强對代理的培訓,因處理出租《業主與租客(綜合)條例》第IVA部下的分間單位的處理指引,以及《2024年水務設施(修訂)條例》相對較新,地產代理未必熟悉這些條例,希望業界日後會提高對處理劏房業務的警覺性。

I believe that this case will alert estate agents who handle sub-divided units. Estate agency companies should enhance the training provided to their agents as the guidelines for handling sub-divided units under Part IVA of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance and the Waterworks (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 are relatively new to them and they may not be familiar with these ordinances. I hope that the trade will be more vigilant in handling sub-divided units in the future.

# 刑事個案 Criminal case

# 申領牌照時沒有申報刑事定罪紀錄 Failure to disclose a criminal record in connection with an application for a licence

## 引言 Introduction

牌照申請人如有任何刑事紀錄,必須在向監管局申請牌照時作出披露(除非有關罪行屬夾附於補充表格的「毋須向地產代理監管局申報的輕微罪行列表」所列的輕微罪行),以便監管局考慮其是否符合發牌的適當人

Licence applicants must disclose their criminal records (unless the offences are under the "List of Minor Offences Requiring No Disclosure to the EAA" attached to the Supplementary Form) when applying for a licence for the EAA's consideration of whether they fulfil the "fit and proper person" criterion of granting a licence. According to Sections 55(1)(c) and

選資格。根據《地產代理條例》(《條例》)第 55(1)(c)條及第55(1)(d)條,任何人無合理辯解而 在申請批給牌照或牌照續期方面,作出任何在要 項上是虛假或具誤導性的陳述或提供任何虛假或 具誤導性的資料,即屬犯罪。 55(1)(d) of the Estate Agents Ordinance ("EAO"), a person, without reasonable excuse, makes any false or misleading statement or furnishes any false or misleading information in connection with an application for the grant or renewal of a licence, commits an offence.

## 事件經過

監管局在向警方查核持牌人/牌照申請人的刑事 定罪紀錄時,發現一名牌照申請人分別在2004 年、2007年、2012年及2023年向監管局提出營 業員及地產代理(個人)牌照的申請或續期申請 時,未有在有關的申請表格及補充表格申報其定 罪記錄。由於事件涉及違返《條例》第55(1)(c) 條及第55(1)(d)條,監管局遂將個案轉介予警方 跟進。

### **Incident**

During the EAA's inspection with the Police about licensees' / licence applicants' criminal records, it was discovered that a licence applicant failed to disclose his previous convictions in the relevant application forms and supplementary forms when applying for / renewing his salesperson's and estate agent's (individual) licence in 2004, 2007, 2012 and 2023 respectively. The EAA referred the case to the Police as it involved a breach of section 55(1)(c) / section 55(1)(d) of the EAO.

#### 結果

警方完成調查後,案件交由裁判法院審理。結果, 法院裁定該牌照申請人在申請批給地產代理(個人)牌照及營業員牌照或牌照續期方面,作出在 要項上是虛假的或是具誤導性的陳述或提供在要 項上是虛假的或是具誤導性的資料罪名成立,被 判罰款1,000港元及監禁兩個月,緩刑三年。該牌 照申請人曾持有的牌照已於較早前屆滿,而其於 2023年作出的牌照申請亦被監管局拒絕。

如牌照申請人在監管局裁定其個案當日起計的前5 年內曾因干犯《條例》下所訂的任何罪行並已就此 被判處監禁(不論是否緩刑),其牌照申請一般會被 拒絕。

#### Result

Upon the completion of the investigation by the Police, the case was taken to court. As a result, the licence applicant was convicted of making false or misleading statement or providing false statement or misleading information in the application or renewal of an estate agent's (individual) licence and a salesperson's licence. He was fined HK\$1,000 and sentenced to imprisonment for two months, suspended for three years. The licence formerly held by this licence applicant had expired earlier and his application for the grant of a licence submitted in 2023 was refused by the EAA.

It should be noted that if a licence applicant was, within a period of five years prior to the date when his case is being determined by the EAA, convicted of any offence under the EAO and in respect of which he has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not), his licence application will normally be refused.



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# ■ 業界意見 Comment from trade

個案中的牌照申請人被法院裁定違反了《地產代理條例》而被定罪,判 予罰款及監禁,意味着他未來5年也可能也失去持有牌照的資格。因此, 各從業員應引以為鑑,切勿犯上同類錯誤。

The licence applicant in this case has been convicted of breaching the Estate Agents Ordinance and sentenced to a fine and imprisonment by the court, which means the applicant may also be disqualified from holding a licence in the next five years. Hence, all practitioners should learn a lesson from this case and make sure they do not make a similar mistake.