Court Application for Restoration of a De-Registered Limited Liability Company

The estate of a deceased major shareholder successfully restored the registration of a limited company which was wrongfully de-registered by a surviving director, who might have misappropriated the company's assets- Deputy High Court Judge Le Pichon delivered judgment on 2nd February 2016 in the <u>High Court Miscellaneous</u>

Proceedings 1984/2015:

The administratrix of the estate of a deceased, who was a majority shareholder of a limited company applied for restoring the registration of a de-registered company to the Companies Register, on the ground that the company has more than a shadowy prospect of establishing anything of value as it would belong to the deceased's estate, which the administratrix is duty bound to administer.

- The administratrix successfully proved that the whereabouts of the sale proceeds of a property owned by the company has gone uncertain since 2004, shortly before its de-registration in 2006. The opposing director (in control of the company) may be liable to account for its existing whereabouts. It is just for the Court to restore the de-registered company, so that steps could be taken to investigate in this suspicious transaction.
- It was also held that the de-registration itself was irregular on the ground that the board failed to seek the required consent of all the members of the company under s.219AA of the Companies Ordinance.

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