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Accusations against lawyer, paper unfair

THE Police Public Relations Officer's assertion that "A Lawyer" prefers to hide behind the cloak of anonymity is grossly unfair because of all people, he should know that since the contents of "A Lawyer's" letter clearly showed that he is such, to have his name published would amount to advertising, which I understand is prohibited by his own professional code.

To accuse the South China Morning Post of publishing "an unconstructive and anonymous tirade" is equally

unfair. Firstly, an editor does not necessarily share the views of his contributors and, secondly, comments and observations both favourable or critical of the public service ought to be publicly aired. You can't expect the public media to be an extension of your own Public Relations Office.

Incidentally, I don't agree with "A Lawyer" that we can't expect and by implication there is not much talent on the bench.

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