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'Teacher-student affair' hurt marriage

By RACHEL CHAN

HER marriage is on the rocks because of an alleged long-term affair with her former student who is 16 years her junior.

Now, the woman's husband, a 46-year-old businessman, is seeking a divorce from her on grounds of unreasonable behaviour, and her being engaged in an improper association with the former student. The couple had met more than 30 years ago when she tutored him.

Both parties cannot be named to protect the identities of their children.

The man implicated in the alleged affair is in his late 30s. He works as a banker and is married with children.

He was studying at a top boys' school in the late 1980s, when he allegedly met the woman. The woman, now 54, still works as a teacher, but has since moved to a prestigious girls' secondary school.

The woman filed a police report and the couple went to the Family Court, where she again promised to stop meeting the man.

But 10 years later, in 2008, the man decided to investigate his wife when he noticed that she would often receive text messages on her mobile phone at odd hours.

He installed a computer program on his laptop to take screenshots of her e-mail messages with the man as evidence of the romantic dalliance.

He obtained a search order in 2009 and secured all e-mail messages between his wife and the man which were said to show "much flirting and sexual innuendo being tossed back and forth between the two".

Yesterday, both husband and wife showed up at the Family Court for a half-day hearing presided by District Judge Doris Lai-Chia Lee Mui. The man in question was not in court yesterday.

During the course of the proceedings, the husband admitted that he did not have any photographic proof of any sexual relations between his wife and the man.

The woman has denied her husband's allegations. In her defence, she stated that her husband was physically and verbally abusive throughout their marriage.

She also alleged that her husband had been engaged in an improper association with a Filipino maid who had worked for the family.

The couple have two sons, aged 17 and 19.

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Implicated: 牵涉 qiān shè

Correspond: 符合 fú hé

Culminated: 最终导致
zui zhōng dǎo zhì

Innuendo: 暗示 àn shì