

16 June 2025

The Hon. Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW
GPO Box 5341, SYDNEY NSW 2001

**RE: Notice to the Premier of New South Wales – Urgent Request for Investigation
Regulatory abuse, institutional corruption, and serious misconduct by Legal
Regulators and Public Officers - Attorney General & Legal Services Commissioner**

Dear Premier Chris Minns,

1. We refer to the above matter and to the following relevant documents/materials for your attention:
 - a. The Public Notice to NSW Premier and Authorities. See Public Notice via:
<https://wix.to/kODbbxP> The Notice calls for urgent action regarding the following list of issues set out in the said Notices:
 - i. Notice of Legal and Ethical Breach by Officers of the Law Society of NSW, OLSC, and Attorney General's Office
 - ii. Misrepresentation and fabrication of 'Misconduct'
 - iii. LSNSW Circumvents the Established Legal Process - Chapter 5 of the Uniform Law
 - iv. A Gross Miscarriage of Justice Against Two Lawyers of Good Standing
 - v. Targeted Retaliation Against Whistleblowers, Victims and Witnesses
 - vi. Ms Odtajan's Reports to OLSC/LSNSW PSD from 2016
 - vii. Unlawful Issuance of Certificates Without Tribunal Oversight
 - viii. Misuse of Statutory Powers, Despite Prior Notice
 - ix. Concealing Judicial Misconduct Despite Detailed Notice
 - x. Application to Ms Griswold's Conduct
 - xi. Systemic Suppression of Lawyers Practising Rights
 - xii. Collusion and Endorsement of Unlawful Conduct – Attorney General of NSW
 - xiii. Wilful Inaction and Complicity in Retaliation – Legal Services Commissioner
 - xiv. Systemic Circumvention of Commonwealth Credit Laws and Judicial Misuse
 - xv. Deliberate Avoidance of Commonwealth Penalties and Fraud Against the Public
 - xvi. Urgent Federal Investigation Required into Regulatory Cover-Up and Retaliatory Abuse
 - b. The YouTube video dated 17 May 2025. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Oblvid123> Within 12 days after posting the YouTube video, we were both stripped of their ability to practice law, refused practising certificates and our legal practice ceased to operate without lawful basis or due process.
2. This is a formal notice regarding serious concerns of gross regulatory abuse, institutional corruption, systemic corporate and judicial fraud, the circumvention of Commonwealth Credit Laws and penalties, serious misconduct involving legal practitioners and unqualified persons, and the use of the regulatory office to target two innocent solicitors, whistleblowers, who are also victims and witnesses to the conduct they reported to the Law Society of NSW (**LSNSW**) and the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner (**OLSC**) including the office of the Attorney General of NSW.

3. The following (see extensive list of individuals in the Notice referred to paragraph 1a above) ignored and suppressed the reports/notices we made to them.
 - a. The Council of the Law Society of NSW (**LSNSW**)
 - b. Director, Ms Valerie Griswold, LSNSW Professional Standards Department (**PSD**)
 - c. Deputy Director, Ms Nadya Haddad, LSNSW PSD
 - d. Attorney General of NSW, Mr Michael Daley
 - e. Dr Hugh McDermott MP
 - f. Ms Samantha Gulliver, Legal Services Commissioner
4. We are two solicitors, Ms Marie Odtojan (**Ms Odtojan**) and Mr Artem Bryl (**Mr Bryl**), with unblemished records of a combined practising experience of 18 years. Ms Odtojan, the principal solicitor of Odtojan Bryl Lawyers, had operated the legal practice for over 12 years with good standing in the community.
5. We have never been the subject of any disciplinary proceedings or findings. Yet, in an instant, on 30 May 2025, we were stripped of our ability to practise law. Our legal practice was forced to cease providing legal services to the community, and our clients were left bewildered, without legal representation, and without notice, no legal process, or recourse.
6. On 30 May 2025, the LSNSW arbitrarily declared us “unfit” to practise law, without lawful authority and in complete disregard of the statutory framework under Chapter 5 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW)*. (**Uniform Law**). A framework which is clearly set out in the Law Society’s own reporting to Parliament which provide the following¹:
 - a. Allegations against a legal practitioner’s conduct must amount to either ‘Unsatisfactory Professional Conduct’ (**UPC**) or ‘Professional Misconduct’ (**PM**) for orders/findings to be made against a practitioner. If PM is found, it can render a practising solicitor to be ‘unfit’, however, such actions are rare and extreme. Even if a practitioner is found for PM, they may face orders/reprimand, but may still continue to practise law. This is based on case authorities and the LSNSW annual reports to the Parliament.
 - b. Only NCAT, an independent tribunal, has the powers to determine allegations of PM under s 300 of the Uniform Law.
7. In bypassing the statutory framework, the LSNSW denied us our statutory right to a fair hearing, acted unlawfully, and violated the fundamental safeguards afforded to all legal practitioners.
8. In our case, we were systematically denied all fundamental rights and protections under the law. The LSNSW undertook actions against us without lawful basis, as follows:
 - a. In May 2024, our practising certificates were prevented from their legitimate renewals. We were placed to operate from our previous certificates (FY 20213/2024) ‘in force’.

¹ See Complaints Process Information brochure: https://www.lawsociety.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/2020_Complaints-process-information.pdf; Professional Standards, Legal Regulation Annual Report 2024: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/tp/files/190247/2024%20Professional%20Standards%20Annual%20Report%20-%20Legal%20Regulation%20Department.pdf>

- b. Our solicitors' data was tampered with, where evidence of us as solicitors in the LSNSW disappeared; we were no longer searchable via the LSNSW Public Registry of Solicitors. We were eliminated as solicitors by the LSNSW.
- 9. These actions by the LSNSW were executed without notice, hearing, or lawful process. We were not informed. We were not heard. We were ambushed.

Misrepresentation and fabrication of 'Misconduct'

- 10. From July 2024, the LSNSW/Ms Griswold/Ms Haddad repeatedly made unfounded allegations of "misconduct," "prior misconduct," and even "findings of misconduct" against each of us, despite both of us having unblemished records and having never been subject to any disciplinary proceedings or findings.
- 11. The LSNSW had sought admissions of the misconduct from us and gave us an option to withdraw our renewal applications, effectively inviting us to cease being practising solicitors under the LSNSW's false premise of misconduct.
- 12. Then, within just 12 days after a YouTube video was posted on 17 May 2025, the LSNSW, issued a section 45 Decision signed by Ms Griswold Director of PSD, declaring that both of us were "unfit" to practise. See Notice in paragraph 1a above under *'Targeted Retaliation Against Whistleblowers, Victims and Witnesses'*.
- 13. Despite the LSNSW repeatedly making serious allegations of misconduct in its correspondence against both of us for almost a year, the LSNSW in its Decisions dated 30 May 2025 to us, in the Decision at paragraph 75 (MO) and paragraph 69 (AB), expressly acknowledged and recorded, the following:

"There is no dispute that... there were no disciplinary findings of professional misconduct, or disciplinary action commenced against the Solicitor."
- 14. Despite there being no disciplinary findings, the LSNSW, acting as accuser, judge, and jury, unilaterally declared both of us "unfit" to practise law. This was a gross abuse of regulatory power and a blatant breach of the Uniform Law.
- 15. On 29 May 2025, both our names were recorded in the OLSC Solicitors Disciplinary Register under the classification "unfit to practise", a label imposed without legal authority or due process. This false and unlawful entry has caused irreparable harm to our professional reputations. See Paragraph 1a under the heading *"Misrepresentation and Fabrication of 'Misconduct'"*.

The Attorney General of NSW

- 16. We promptly gave notice by correspondence dated 13 and 15 August 2024 to Ms Griswold/PSD, and the LSNSW, identifying unlawful and corrupt conduct of Ms Griswold.
- 17. On 30 August 2024, we escalated our concerns to the NSW Attorney General's office, raising concerns of Ms Griswold conduct, making of false statements of fact of misconduct, the circumvention of the Uniform Law, and the suppression of reports submitted by Ms Otojan since 2016. We requested the Attorney General to initiate a formal investigation into the LSNSW and OLSC.
- 18. On 25 October 2024, the Attorney General's office and MP Hugh McDermott responded by reaffirming the LSNSW's statements and justifying them as "alleged prior misconduct", despite no lawful basis, no evidence, and no disciplinary findings.

19. The Attorney General and MP McDermott ignored the core issues put to them, including the concealment of reports, circumvention of the Uniform Law, and evidence of serious regulatory misconduct. Rather than address these matters, they remained focused solely on justifying the fabricated label of “prior misconduct”, and stated that they had liaised with the LSNSW.
20. Both the Attorney General and MP McDermott became active participants in a retaliatory campaign, enabling the LSNSW to unlawfully strip us of our practising rights and professional standing.
21. Following this endorsement, further unlawful acts were committed against our solicitors’ data. See the YouTube video regarding the LSNSW conduct (See paragraph 1b above).
22. Condoning false allegations of misconduct raises serious concerns about the fitness and integrity of the Attorney General and MP McDermott. Their justifications for LSNSW conduct emboldened LSNSW to perpetuate their improprieties and engaged in further unlawful conduct.
23. On 4 November 2024, we requested the Attorney General and MP McDermott to substantiate their statements on behalf of the LSNSW. No response has been received to date.
24. The Attorney General and MP’s assertions on 25 October 2024 of “alleged prior misconduct” contradicts the LSNSW’s own Decisions made on 30 May 2025, that there was no misconduct. See paragraph 13 above.

The Legal Services Commissioner of NSW

25. Ms Samantha Gulliver, the Legal Services Commissioner (appointed by the Attorney General), was included in all correspondences, yet failed to intervene.
26. The OLSC facilitated or condoned unlawful acts including the disappearance of records, obstruction of membership renewals and access, and the publication of an unjustified disciplinary record on the OLSC Public Register, all without lawful basis.
27. Ms Gulliver’s continued inaction, despite repeated notices by correspondences, constituted a serious breach of duty and enabled the LSNSW’s ongoing unlawful and retaliatory conduct against us. See Public Notice referred to at paragraph 1a above.

A Call for Action

28. As set out in our public notice in paragraph 1a above, under ‘Call to action...’ we call for your urgent intervention as follows:
 - a. A call for the investigation for the removal of the following individuals shown to have engaged in misconduct and/or acted contrary to the law and public interest:
 - i. Ms Valerie Griswold, Director of Legal Regulation (PSD), LSNSW
 - ii. Ms Nadya Haddad, Deputy Director of PSD and Director of Licensing in the LSNSW Registry;
 - iii. Mr Michael Daley, Attorney General of NSW;
 - iv. Dr Hugh McDermott MP;
 - v. Ms Samantha Gulliver, Legal Services Commissioner (OLSC);
 - vi. And the officers and decision-makers involved.

- b. A Royal Commission into the systemic corruption within NSW's regulatory and judicial institutions, including how legal instruments were weaponised against two solicitors and the tribunal processes unlawfully bypassed.
- c. A formal inquiry into the Law Society of NSW, the Law Council, the OLSC, and the judicial officers named in our submissions, particularly the concealment of judicial misconduct, including those legal practitioners and unqualified person reported in Ms Odtojan reports to the OLSC/LSNSW from 2016 and the OLSC/LSNSW failures of their mandatory obligations to report suspected offences to applicable authorities such NSW Police under section 465 of the Uniform Law including critical issues raised in said reports that have been concealed from the Parliament under LSNSW Council's annual reporting obligations, s 34 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 (Uniform Application Act)*.
- d. To do all acts and things for immediate correction of the public record including the removal of the solicitors (Ms Odtojan and Mr Bryl) names from the OLSC Solicitors Disciplinary Register, where they were unlawfully and falsely recorded under untested and unfounded allegations made by PSD/Council of the Law Society, and the full reinstatement of our practising certificates, restoring the solicitors right to practise law without stigma or political interference.

29. Those responsible must be held to account. Their failure to self-report their alleged misconduct while holding statutory or regulatory authority as legal practitioners, renders them potential accessories to unlawful conduct, subject to investigation and removal from office.

30. The public must be protected from individuals who abuse their authority, show contempt for the law, and act with wilful intent to violate it, disregarding the serious and lasting harm their unlawful conduct inflicts on others.

31. Your leadership is urgently needed, to affirm that corrupt conduct by public officials and legal regulators will not be tolerated. When unchecked, such conduct endangers the public, undermines confidence in our legal institutions and erodes the rule of law.

32. We are lawyers, witnesses, victims, and whistleblowers, targeted for exposing misconduct within the legal system and profession. We acted in good faith, with limited resources, through our small family-run firm, to uphold the law, justice and protect the public. In return, we were met with threats, defamation, and unlawful professional destruction.

33. Our legal practice was dismantled, our certificates stripped without lawful process, our clients left unsupported, and irreparable damage to our reputations. We are now forced to fight to correct the wrongdoing, to restore our careers, our dignity, and the fundamental rights under the law that was denied to us.

Ms Odtojan reports and our lived experience for positive reform

34. We believe what happened to us, and, in Ms Odtojan's case, is not only exposing systemic failure; it is a catalyst for meaningful reform. It exposes the urgent need to strengthen legal protections and restore public confidence in the legal system and the legal profession.

35. Through Ms Odtojan's lived experience within the legal system as a litigant in person and as a solicitor by profession, she brings a rare and invaluable perspective. She stands not only as a victim and witness to injustice, but as a committed legal professional determined to transform that experience into positive, lasting change for the legal system and the public it serves.
36. As solicitors, we have valuable insights and lived experience that could meaningfully contribute to legal reform. We should have been able to raise concerns, such as the systemic circumvention of credit laws, to the Law Society in a safe and constructive manner. Instead, Ms Odtojan's extensive reports to OLSC/LSNSW were concealed, suppressed, and never acted upon. We were threatened, intimidated, and ultimately faced retaliatory conduct.
37. The LSNSW/OLSC withheld the critical issues raised in the said reports from Parliament, in disregard of its statutory duty under s 34 Uniform Application Act. This omission not only obstructs reforms, but also denies the public and lawmakers the opportunity to address flaws within the legal system and serious institutional failures.
38. The LSNSW and OLSC have a statutory obligation under section 465 of the Uniform Law to report suspected offences to relevant authorities. Ms Odtojan's report on Piper Alderman dated 27 June 2018 pertained to serious misconduct including the impersonation of lawyers by unqualified persons. The report provided a sworn affidavit of Mr Florian Ammer (Partner, Piper Alderman), which recorded that a paralegal had instructed counsel and was charging solicitor rates. Despite this direct evidence, and the OLSC identifying 7 possible categories of serious offences, the then Legal Services Commissioner, Mr John McKenzie, and the LSNSW PSD closed the matters without investigation.

A call for transparency and consideration of AI safeguards

39. Transparency and accountability must be prioritised. We urge your leadership to take a firm stand against the abuse of regulatory power and the concealment of critical reports. The failure to disclose serious issues, particularly the systemic circumvention of Commonwealth Credit Laws, has hindered Parliament's ability to implement necessary safeguards to protect consumers and the public.
40. As a result, Commonwealth penalties have been avoided through judicial processes that sidestep enforcement and deny revenue lawfully owed to the Commonwealth.
41. We call for the consideration of AI-supported oversight mechanisms, not to replace regulators, but to serve as essential checks and balances. Such systems can assist to detect misconduct, expose decisions made in bad faith, and ensure regulatory powers are exercised lawfully and with traceable accountability.
42. We call on your leadership to uphold the law, and protect not just us, but every lawyer, and citizen, who stands for truth, justice, and accountability.

Yours Sincerely,



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