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Sent: 13 May 2025 17:54

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Subject: LSNSW Professional Standards Scheme

RE: Notice to the LSNSW Limitation of Liability Scheme - Solicitor Membership

Dear LSNSW Limitation of Liability Scheme Team

I refer to the above matter and give notice that my firm's records have been tampered with within the Law Society of NSW (**LSNSW**). We are no longer receiving the notifications we have been receiving for approximately 14 years regarding renewals of the Professional Standard Scheme amongst others from the LSNSW.

It appears that My, (Ms Marie Odtojan), and Mr Artem Bryl (**Mr Bryl**) records in the LSNSW Registry have been tampered with and deleted. Our data in the Registry and our membership no longer exist and do not appear in our portals. We cannot be found as solicitors via the LSNSW online Registry search.

I have been a practising lawyer and member of LSNSW since my admission in Feb 2010, for approximately 15 years, and Mr Bryl since 2022, for approximately 3 years. Our funds were banked by LSNSW for our renewal of practising certificates and memberships for the FY 2024/2025.

We have reviewed our law firm's emails, and it appears that this office has not been receiving the usual notifications from the LSNSW among others, since October 2023. The last notice we received from your office was in November 2023 regarding renewal of the Professional Standard Scheme (See email below).

When we accessed our portals, there were no longer any records of our membership and no records of us as solicitors on the LSNSW Registry.

We note that our records in the Registry search via the LSNSW website were searchable up to January 2025, however, such records disappeared sometime in February 2025, where we are no longer on the Registry records and cannot be found via the Registry search.

In February 2025, we contacted the LSNSW Registry and were informed that the NSWLS head of the Registry is Ms Nadya Haddad (**Ms Haddad**).

On 12 February 2025, we emailed LSNSW Registry Office Director Ms Haddad, giving notice of such serious issues, requesting for her urgent response in relation to the status of our memberships. To date, we have not received a reply from Ms Haddad in response to our said email. (See email below, which is also **attached** with the documents referred to in our said email).

Without any response from the NSWLS Registry office, this issue remains outstanding and cannot be resolved.

Notice is given to your office that my firm cannot meet its obligations for renewal of the Scheme because our membership has disappeared and was not renewed despite NSWLS

receiving our application and receiving our renewal fees for FY 2024/2025. Such acts done to our memberships were blatantly done without any notice to us by the NSWLS.

In our firm's portal, we cannot make the application as a result of not being a member. We had assumed that our memberships were renewed as per all previous years and where we had received no notice otherwise. As you are aware, we cannot make an application with the scheme unless we are members.

We note that our respective portals only provide options to make an application for membership as a 'student' and/or 'associate'. We are not even recognised as legal practitioners and cannot make an application as practising legal practitioners.

Mr Bryl and I are members of the LSNSW and have been since our admissions as stated above. There has been unlawful tampering with our records where our memberships have not been renewed, which have either been cancelled and/or deleted.

Tampering with our data without any legal basis constitutes an office under the Crimes Act, and receiving funds for membership/certificates where no such memberships/certificates were issued by the NSWLS constitutes fraud.

Notice is given that we cannot be held liable for not meeting our obligations to make the application as a result of the unlawful acts done to our data by the LSNSW / LSNSW Registry Office / NSWLS Professional Standards Department and/or the NSWLS Law Council, where they have collectively done acts to interfere with the legitimate renewal of our solicitors memberships and practising certificates.

The tampering of our records is a very serious matter and has caused great distress, damage and detriment. Such acts have placed us, as legal practitioners, this firm, including all our clients and their matters, at risk.

As per our email to the LSNSW Registry/Ms Haddad, this is a targeted unlawful discriminatory act against us as legal practitioners and our legal practice.

We will rely on this correspondence giving notice to your office and in making reports to the appropriate authorities and issuing notices.

Kind regards, Ms Marie Odtojan and Mr Artem Bryl



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Sent: 12 February 2025 15:38

To: Registry <registry@lawsociety.com.au>

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Subject: Practising Certificates and Solicitor Memberships -

Practising Certificates and Solicitor Memberships of Legal Practitioners:

1. Ms Marie J Odtojan

2. Mr Artem Bryl (Law

Dear Director of Licensing of the NSW Law Society Registry Office, Ms Nadya Haddad

We refer to the above matter and request your urgent response and action to the following:

- 1. We refer to the **enclosed** invoices and confirmation of payment of both our practising certificates and membership for FY 2024-2025. The Law Society accepted the said payments. We were not notified otherwise that either of our practising certificates and solicitor memberships have been cancelled and/or not renewed.
- 2. What is the status of our practising certificates and memberships? We have not received notification from the Law Society to date.
- 3. Our account within the Law Society appears to have been tampered with where we are not recorded on the Registry of solicitors and this occurred recently where we are no longer searchable as solicitors. See the **enclosed** screenshots of the Registry of solicitors searches under our respective names. Search via the link: https://www.lawsociety.com.au/register-of-solicitors

Please provide the basis for the Law Society to remove/delete our solicitor details from the said Registry of solicitors.

4. Promptly provide what you rely upon to interfere with the legitimate renewal of our practising certificates and our solicitor memberships.

We have never been before the tribunal, NCAT. There are no court orders in relation to our practising certificates and solicitor memberships. There are also no records under our respective names pursuant to section 152 of the LPUL Application Act where the NSW Legal Services Commissioner is required to keep a Register of Disciplinary Action (**the Register**) taken against lawyers in New South Wales. See the **enclosed** screenshot of the OLSC Registry search results under our respective names. Search via the link: https://portal.olsc.nsw.gov.au/dasearchbn/

We note that interfering with our practising certificates and solicitor memberships without any legal basis constitutes unlawful tampering of same. Such acts have caused and continue to cause detriment and expose us to great risks as legal practitioners and as a law firm. This includes all our client's cases which are also at risk and are jeopardised.

We have been continuously practising as solicitor members with the NSW Law Society since our respective admissions as legal practitioners, for a combined period of approximately 18 years. Without any notice to us, our memberships have been cancelled/not renewed and our practising certificates unlawfully tampered with.

We received no notification that our solicitor memberships were not renewed and/or have been cancelled. Payments for the Law Society invoices PCR2025-L0057380-INV00001 (Ms Odtojan) and No PCR2025-L0106168-INV00001 (Mr Bryl) dated 15 May 2024 have been made on 30 May 2024 (see **enclosed** bank payment receipts). No Law Society receipts for the said payments have been received to date.

As a result of such actions by the Law Society, we are being prevented from meeting our required obligations as solicitors and as a law firm. We discovered that the notifications we would regularly receive from the Law Society were no longer received and we are not able to make the required applications to meet the obligations as solicitors and as a law firm.

The conduct of Law Society interfering with our practising certificates and memberships as set out above, demonstrates intent and malice to target, discriminate against us, and inflict harm and damage to us and our firm.

Please provide your response by <u>11 AM tomorrow</u>, <u>Thursday 13 February 2025</u> noting the urgent circumstances of this matter and we note that such information would already be in your possession.

Attachments:

- 1. Law Society Tax invoice No PCR2025-L0057380-INV00001 dated 15 May 2024 issued to Ms Odtojan;
- 2. Law Society Tax invoice No PCR2025-L0106168-INV00001 dated 15 May 2024 issued to Mr Brvl:
- 3. Bank payment receipt dated 30 May 2024 confirming payment for Ms Odtojan's invoice
- 4. Bank payment receipt dated 30 May 2024 confirming payment for Mr Bryl's invoice
- 5. Screenshots (x2) of the Registry of solicitors searches under the names of Ms Odtojan and Mr Bryl dated 12 February 2025 where said solicitors are no longer searchable.
- 6. Screenshots (x2) of the Register of Disciplinary Action (**the Register**) searches under the names of Ms Odtojan and Mr Bryl dated 12 February 2025 where there are no records in the said Registry under the respective names of the said solicitors.

Regards

Solicitor Mr Artem Bryl and Principal Solicitor Ms Marie Odtojan.



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Sent: 06 December 2023 17:33

To: admin odtojanbryllawyers.com.au <admin@odtojanbryllawyers.com.au> Subject: Professional Standards Scheme Registration - Odtojan Bryl Lawyers -

Dear Principal,

Thank you for submitting your application for registration of participation of your legal practitioners in The Law Society of New South Wales Professional Standards Scheme (the Scheme) for the Scheme participation year 2023 - 2024.

Please find attached a copy of your application together with an invoice, if the payment was made by credit card, or a remittance advice, if the payment is to be made by cheque or direct deposit. Please check that all details are correct.

Next Steps

For a law practice to gain the full benefit of the Scheme and the limitation of liability, all legal practitioners within the law practice will need to be Members of the Law Society and the Scheme. If a new legal practitioner joins your law practice at any time after you have made this application, please ensure:

- 1. They are a Member of the Law Society; and
- 2. An application to register their participation in the Scheme is made via the Scheme portal.

If, at any time, you wish to apply for a discretionary higher maximum amount of liability under clause 5.1 of the Scheme Instrument, please complete and return the Application for Discretionary Higher Cap form. Applications for a higher maximum amount of liability are discretionary and must be considered and approved by the Council of the Law Society exercising its discretion under the Scheme.

If you have any questions regarding the Scheme, please contact us on 02 9926 0189 or by email scheme@lawsociety.com.au

Kind regards Scheme Manager



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Dear Ms Odtojan, Re: Register now! Professional Standards Scheme Odtojan Bryl Lawyers (

Our records indicate your law practice has not yet registered participation in, or applied for exemption from, The Law Society of New South Wales Professional Standards Scheme (the Scheme) commencing 22 November 2023.

Access the online Scheme portal here

Please access the online Scheme portal to register participation in, or apply for exemption from, the Scheme.

The Scheme is an exclusive member benefit for those in private practice to limit their occupational liability. Frequently asked questions about the Scheme can be found <u>here</u>.

Instructions

Log in with your LawID and password, the same login details that were required for your online practising certificate renewal application. *Forgot your password?*

Click on 'Forgot my Password'. You will be asked to enter the email address you registered with the Law Society to receive communications. An automatic email will then be sent with instructions to reset your password.

Need some more information or help?

If you would like any assistance with the online Scheme portal, or more information about the Scheme, please call one of our friendly Scheme Administration Team members on (02) 9926 0189 or email us at scheme@lawsociety.com.au.

Kind regards, Manager, Scheme Operations

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