

Hugh McDermott MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General



Ref: EAP24/14486

Mr Artem Bryl and Ms Marie Odtojan
[Redacted]

By email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Bryl and Ms Odtojan,

Dealings with Law Society of NSW

Thank you for your emails to the Attorney General, the Hon Michael Daley MP, and supporting documentation received 30 August 2024, about your concerns regarding the alleged conduct of the Law Society of NSW in relation to the renewal of your practising certificates. The Attorney General has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I have noted the matters raised in your correspondence and understand that the main issue appears to relate to letters from the Director, Legal Regulation, Professional Standards, which referred to "*prior conduct*" and "*prior misconduct*". The Law Society has advised that these were typographical errors which should have read "*alleged prior conduct*" and "*alleged prior misconduct*", consistent with the balance of the letters.

While I acknowledge the importance of this matter to you, I regret it would not be appropriate for the Attorney General to comment on any investigation being undertaken by the Law Society of NSW. The Attorney General also cannot intervene in a person's private legal matters or provide legal advice in relation to those matters.

If you believe you were denied procedural fairness in this matter, you may wish to consider seeking independent legal advice as to any appeal rights that may be available to you.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh McDermott".
Hugh McDermott MP

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25 OCT 2024