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Subject: Practising Certificates and Solicitor Memberships - Law ID: L0057380 and Law ID: L0106168.

By Email:

Law Society of NSW Registry Office Law Society of NSW Professional Standards Department (PSD) Law Society of NSW President and Law Council The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner (OLSC)

Practising Certificates and Solicitor Memberships of Legal Practitioners:

- 1. Ms Marie J Odtojan
- 2. Mr Artem Bryl (Law
- 3. Renewal application for FY 2025/26 due 15 May 2025

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

We refer to the above matter and to our email to you / the Law Society of NSW (LSNSW) Registry Office dated 12 February 2025 (below) with the **enclosed** documents referred to in our said email.

We note that you have ignored our said email and have not provided a response to date, in particular paragraphs [1]-[4] in our said email. We await your urgent prompt response to the same by **COB today 15 May 2025** as the information would already be within your knowledge and you received our said email 3 months ago.

I have been a practising lawyer and member of LSNSW since my admission in February 2010, (approx. 15 years), and Mr Bryl since 2022, (approx. 3 years). The LSNSW banked our funds for our renewal of our practising certificates and memberships for FY 2024/25, however, we received neither our current practising certificates nor our solicitor memberships for FY 2024/25.

The FY 2024/25 period is effectively over, and the renewals for our certificates and memberships for FY 2025/26 are now due.

On review of our law firm's emails, it appears that this office has not been receiving usual notifications from the LSNSW among others, since 2023.

Upon accessing our respective LSNSW portals, there are no records of our memberships nor records of us as solicitors on the LSNSW Registry. We note that our records were searchable via the LSNSW website up to January 2025, however, our data disappeared sometime in February 2025, where we are no longer searchable via the Registry records.

We are denied the ability to make a renewal for our practising certificates and memberships for the FY 2025/26 as there are no applications available via our respective portals. Our data and portals have been tampered with.

See **enclosed** screenshots of our respective portals as of 15 May 2025.

LSNSW gave us no notice that our memberships were not renewed for FY 2024/25, that our data has been removed from the LSNSW solicitor registry, and that we cannot renew our certificates and memberships for FY 2025/26.

We have been unlawfully prevented from making our regular annual applications for renewal of our practising certificates and memberships, including the Professional Scheme.

As the renewals for 2015/26 are due by today, 15 May 2025, you are to immediately by <u>COB today</u>, 15 May 2025, give us access to make the renewal application of our practising certificates and memberships for FY 2025/26 via our respective LSNSW portals.

You/MSWLS have no legal basis to prevent us from renewing our certificates and memberships. There are no orders nor determinations made by any court proceedings or NCAT for you to prevent us from making an application to renew our certificates and memberships.

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 applications for renewals as practising legal practitioners.

We are in this position as a result of the unlawful acts done to us by the LSNSW Professional Standards Department (PSD) and LSNSW Law Council.

Tampering with our data without any legal basis and fabricating allegations of misconduct constitutes offences under the *Crimes Act*. Receiving funds for renewal of membership and certificates where no such memberships and/or certificates were issued by the LSNSW constitutes fraud under the said Act.

We note that after sending our email to you / LSNSW Registry Office on 12 February (below), we received an email from PSD giving notice to us that you have assigned yourself as a PSD officer on our matters.

As a PSD officer and legal practitioner, it is a very serious matter for you and those in LSNSW office to make such statements of facts and/or allegations of misconduct and question a solicitor's fitness to practice where such accusations are unfounded. Your letter provided no particulars/documents/evidence to support such allegations of 'misconduct' against us.

Such acts by you / PSD / LSNSW Law Council is an unlawful targeted discriminatory hate crime and fraud. We will rely on all the correspondence and reports we have given to the LSNSW which were also addressed to the LSNSW President and Law Council (15 members) and the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner of NSW (Ms Samantha Gulliver) on 15 August 2024. Such correspondences have been omitted and ignored by you in your said PSD letter to us dated 24 March 2025.

To date, we have received two correspondences from the PSD office where the 'alleged' 'misconduct' and 'findings of misconduct/prior misconduct' are created by you/Ms Griswold/ PSD with the NSW Law Council, where meetings were held to agree to prevent the renewal of our certificates for FY 2024/25 and made us operate under our FY 2023/24 practising certificates as "in force". Such action was done without any notice to us and was done unlawfully.

We note there are multiple acts of fraud and unlawful acts committed against us of which we will bring to the attention of the authorities and to the public, where such matters are of public importance.

The PSD and Law Council have, by design, dressed up Ms Odtojan's personal civil cases and used them as findings of misconduct which you then alleged we did not disclose in our declarations renewing of our practising certificates since FY 2017/18 onwards.

We await your urgent response and action the following:

- 1. To urgently give us access to the renewal application of our practising certificates and our memberships for FY 2025/26 in our respective portals by **COB today 15 May 2025**. Time is of the essence. We should never have been placed in this position.
- 2. Your response to paragraphs [1] to [4] of our email dated 12 February 2025 by **COB today 15 May 2025**.
- 3. Your PSD letter dated 24 March 2025 fails to provide any documents/particulars which you rely upon in your said letter. You have not substantiated your/ PSD statement of facts / allegations of 'misconduct' and 'findings of misconduct / prior misconduct'. We do not understand your case as your allegations are unclear and unfounded. Simply listing Ms Odtojan's personal civil cases where she is a consumer and party to court proceedings does not support your accusation of 'misconduct'. It is a serious matter for you/ PSD and Law Council members as LSNSW officers and legal practitioners to make unfounded allegations of misconduct against us.
- 4. You are to urgently provide the following:
 - a. The 'amended letter' you refer to in your letters to us at page 7;
 - b. Copies of the alleged posts you refer to in your said letters which you stated have been posted online on our law firm website and/or our LinkedIn. You have not provided us with any copies of the posts with the time of access of the same.
- 5. You are to provide evidence and particulars of your alleged 'findings of misconduct' in each court case you have listed in your PSD letters which you / Ms Griswold have relied upon as alleged findings of misconduct against each of us. You are to provide the paragraph numbers and the exact quotes in the judgments regarding misconduct findings on each of us. As we have already

- stated such findings do not exist, but you continue to rely on your created narrative of misconduct and you have a duty to substantiate your allegations.
- 6. You are to particularise and quote the exact acts you allege we did not disclose in our declarations in the renewal of our practicing certificates for each FY you have listed in your respective letters. It is unclear what you are alleging that we did not disclose in our declaration as it is unsubstantiated. Simply making a mere statement alleging we did not disclose your alleged findings of misconduct (created by you) is nonsensical.
- 7. You are to provide the specific rules and legislation you rely upon which you/PSD/Law Council have the right to prevent the legitimate renewal of our practising certificates and our solicitor memberships and in preventing us from accessing the application for renewal for FY 2025/26.
- 8. You are to provide the specific jurisdiction / powers to determine matters of alleged misconduct without the NCAT tribunal proceedings;
- 9. You are to provide the specific jurisdiction / powers to determine matters pertaining to allegations of fraud and criminality which have been raised in our letter to PSD/Law Council and OLSC in our letters dated 13 and 15 August 2024.

We will reserve our right to respond to the balance of your letter dated 24 March 2025 once we have received your response to the matter raised in the above paragraphs [1] to [9].

You are fully aware you must put your case against us clearly, with particulars and supporting documents to support your allegations against us. We note you have failed to do so since your first PSD letter to us dated 8 July 2024 (MO) and 17 July 2024 (AB).

We note you have no jurisdiction to determine court documents where the issues are unresolved and require a final hearing before court. In relation to matters pertaining to fraud and criminality we refer to s 465 LPUL.

As previously stated, there are no orders, court proceedings regarding any misconduct findings against Mr Bryl and Ms Odtojan. We have never been before the court in relation to misconduct and neither has there been any determinations of such matters.

You have used Ms Odtojan's personal civil cases and have dressed them up, to falsely state and allege there are findings of misconduct in those judgments and have made false allegations that we did not disclose such misconduct findings in our renewals of certificates since 2017.

We note that you /PSD/ OLSC received reports of criminality and fraud in relation to the cases you have listed in your said letters. These have been set out in our letter to PSD, Law Council and OLSC dated 13 and 15 August 2024 with supporting documents/evidence.

We note that to date, our letters have not been acknowledged nor responded to by the LSNSW President, Law Council and the OLSC.

The unlawful acts done to us by you/ LSNSW have put us, as lawyers, our livelihood, our firm and all our clients and their matters at risk and we will hold you and all those

involved responsible for these unlawful fraudulent acts done to us in your positions in office.

As legal practitioners, you all have a positive obligation to self-report and declare the unlawful acts committed against us in all your respective declarations in the renewal of your practising certificates FY 2025/26.

It is a serious matter for you/PSD/ Law Council to threaten, intimidate and persecute innocent persons, who are also victims and witnesses of fraud and criminality, where multiple reports have been made by Ms Odotjan to the LSNSW PSD and OLSC since 2016.

We will rely on this correspondence and to all our previous correspondences to LSNSW in making reports to the appropriate authorities and issuing notices.

Kind regards,

Ms Marie Odtojan and Mr Artem Bryl



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Practising Certificates and Solicitor Memberships of Legal Practitioners:

1. Ms Marie J Odtojan (Law ID: L0057380)

2. Mr Artem Bryl (Law ID: L0106168)

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 Bryl;
- 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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