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30 January 1997

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Chairman
 Board of Examiners for Barristers and Solicitors
 Supreme Court of Victoria
 210 William Street
 MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

I intend to seek admission on 7 April 1997 to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

I wish to disclose the following matters to the Board and request that they be considered as minor.

1. In July 1992 I received a traffic infringement notice in Melbourne for driving in a Bus Lane. I paid the fine for this offence by its due date.
2. In September 16, 1992 I was brought before the Melbourne University Student Union Electoral Tribunal concerning numerous alleged breaches of electoral regulations during the Student Union elections. These breaches were:
 - a) Regulation 223 Publicity; and
 - b) Regulation 224 Prohibited Conduct.

In any case the Electoral Tribunal, which consisted of three members of the legal profession, did not find me guilty of any breach of the regulations.

The electoral regulations are intended to direct the actions of students campaigning for election to the Student Union. My Media Officer team, *Rescue Farrago*, (including myself and three Jewish women) experienced a particularly hostile and bitter campaign. Student Union elections are generally fraught with much emotion and passion, however our team was continually subjected to abuse and to Anti-Semitic harassment by other candidates. This was so severe it was brought to the attention of the then Vice Chancellor Professor David Pennington. In essence, my alleged breach of regulations amounted to nothing; perhaps the allegations were partly due to the frayed tempers and highly charged emotions of all involved.

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I am not sure whether this actually constitutes a matter for disclosure to the Board of Examiners however, my discussion with Mr. Peter Ryan have encouraged me to bring this matter to your attention keeping in mind that full disclosure is required.

3. On September 3, 1993 I was charged with two (2) counts of possessing a drug of dependence and one (1) count of using a drug of dependence. I appeared at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on November 29, 1993 and plead guilty to these offences in front of Mr. Goldberg. His Worship placed me on a good behaviour bond without conviction for a period of twelve (12) months. During this time I did not re-offend and I have not committed any offences since.

Whilst I would not contend that these matters are not serious, I wish to make the Board of Examiners aware of the circumstances surrounding these charges. In brief, I was sharing a house with individual who was found to be trafficking in drugs of dependence and was charged with this offence in addition to numerous others. I did not possess a full understanding or knowledge of his illegal activities however, upon the Victorian Police bring his illegal conduct to my attention I was fully cooperative and assisted the Police in prosecuting this person. Furthermore, I ceased any association with this individual.

I have reports from a doctor and a criminal psychologist which indicate my naive behaviour and poor judgement during this time; I am prepared to provide this documentation to the Board should it be required.

I can assure the members of the Board that this experience taught me a very valuable lesson and one which I know has provided me with a better understanding the criminal justice system.

4. On December 21, 1993 I received a traffic infringement notice in Melbourne for failing to wear a seat belt whilst travelling in a motor vehicle. I paid the fine for this offence by its due date.

Since this time I have not committed any other offences nor have I received any traffic infringement notices. I can assure the members of the Board that upon being granted admission to practice my integrity and honesty will not be compromised. In accordance with the trust and privilege vested in me by the Court, I will endeavour to be an upstanding and honourable member of the legal profession.

I can be contacted on the above numbers should you require any further details.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely



Nicola M Gobbo
Articled Clerk
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UNDERTAKING WITH CONDITIONS

CP230-1

The Magistrates' Court at MELBOURNE

Case Number : F02121260

Found **NICOLA M GOBBO**
of **250 RATHDOWNE ST**
CARLTON VIC 3053

Date of Birth : [REDACTED]
Licence No. :
State :

guilty of

- CHARGE 1 - POSSESS A DRUG OF DEPENDENCE
- CHARGE 2 - POSSESS A DRUG OF DEPENDENCE
- CHARGE 3 - USE A DRUG OF DEPENDENCE

and released you on an undertaking with the conditions written below. The court **without conviction** adjourned the further hearing of your case to **MELBOURNE MAGISTRATES' COURT** on **28/11/94** at **10:00 am**. The undertaking starts on **29/11/93** and goes to **28/11/94**. You must be of good behaviour during the time the undertaking is in force.


- You must appear at Court on the date that this case has been adjourned to.
- You must appear at Court before the date that this case has been adjourned to only if you get a notice from the Court telling you to appear.
- The other special conditions that apply to you are :

To pay \$ _____ costs, \$ _____ to the Court Fund, \$ _____ compensation.

I,

NICOLA M GOBBO
250 RATHDOWNE ST
CARLTON VIC 3053

agree to comply by the conditions of this undertaking :

Signature


This undertaking was acknowledged

Before

	On 29/11/93
Signature 	Magistrate

WARNING - If you break the conditions of this undertaking :

- You may be punished for any offence that has been adjourned on you agreeing to this undertaking.
- You may also be punished for failing to comply with the conditions of the undertaking by a fine of up to \$1000.