

Legal Services **COMMISSIONER**

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Your Ref:  
Our Ref: LSC/06/3970  
Ms Barac

23 August, 2006

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

The Victorian Bar Incorporated  
Ethics Committee  
5th Floor, Owen Dixon Chambers East  
205 William Street  
MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Victorian Bar

**COMPLAINT BY MR CARL WILLIAMS AGAINST MS NICOLA GOBBO,  
BARRISTER**

Mr Carl Williams has made a complaint to the Legal Services Commissioner which raises a disciplinary complaint.

**DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINT**

Pursuant to:

- A. Section 4.4.9(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 2004* ("the Act") I hereby refer the disciplinary complaint to the Victorian Bar Inc as a prescribed investigatory body, for investigation under Division 3 of Part 4.4 of the Act.
- B. Section 4.4.9(2)(a) of the Act, I require a report from the Victorian Bar Inc by **24 November 2006** about the complaint. I may however require interim reports, pursuant to section 4.4.9(3).
- C. Section 4.4.9(2)(b) I give the following directions:
  1. Within 7 days of the date of this letter please acknowledge receipt of this referral by completing and returning the acknowledgment form enclosed.
  2. Please do not invite the practitioner to provide information on a "Victorian Bar information only" basis.
  3. If the practitioner does not provide to the Victorian Bar the explanation, information or documents requested under section 4.4.11(1) within the time allowed in that request, then:

- (i) Within 7 days please send a further letter to the practitioner enclosing a copy of the first letter and requesting the practitioner's response within a further 7 days.
  - (ii) If the practitioner again fails to respond within that time limit, please report to me in writing forthwith setting out all relevant details and attaching copies of the relevant correspondence. I will then give further directions.
4. At the conclusion of the investigation I request that you forward me the file together with a memorandum in the form annexed including draft reasons for decision.

I may give further directions pursuant to section 4.4.9(4) during the course of the investigation.

The complainant and the practitioner have been advised of this referral.

Please quote file reference number LSC/06/3970 in future communications with this office and with the complainant and practitioner.

The file is enclosed and I have retained a copy.

Should you have any queries please telephone Angela Barac on 1300 796 344.

Yours sincerely



**VICTORIA MARLES**  
**Legal Services Commissioner**

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## MEMORANDUM

**To** Victoria Marles, Legal Services Commissioner

**From** The Victorian Bar

**Prepared by** (insert name of Victorian Bar Complaint Handler)

**Checked by** (insert name of Victorian Bar Complaints Manager)

**Date**

**Re** (insert complainant's name) complaint against (insert practitioner's name)

**File number**

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### Complaint

This file involved *(Give details of the original complaint made by the complainant.)*

### Investigation

*Eg State what investigation was undertaken.*

### Result of investigation

### Relevant section/s of Act

### Recommendation

### Draft reasons for decision

**Prepared by:**

**Checked by:**

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**Complaint Handler**

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**Complaints Manager**