

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE
OF THE VICTORIAN BAR INC.
HELD IN THE VICTORIAN BAR COUNCIL CHAMBER
1ST FLOOR, OWEN DIXON CHAMBERS EAST
205 WILLIAM STREET, MELBOURNE
ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**

PRESENT: Mr. P.G. Lacava SC (Chairman), Mr. J.D. Merralls AM QC, Mr. D.R. Meagher ED QC, Mr. P.A. Willee RFD QC, Mr. W.F. Lally QC, Mr. J.G. Santamaria QC, Mr. C.C. Macaulay SC, Mr. J.L. Batten, Mr. I.S. Williams, Mr. D.J. Lane, Ms. P.L. Shiff and Ms. A.E. Duggan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. D. Jones

APOLOGIES: Mr. J.H. Gobbo QC, Ms. M.M. Gordon SC, Ms. C.E. Kirton and Mrs. C. Mukhtar

MINUTES

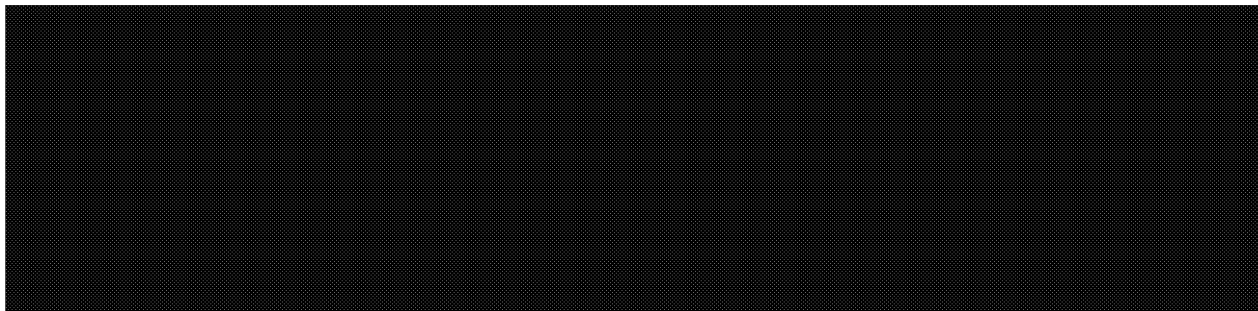
1.0 The minutes of the meeting of the Ethics Committee held on 22 August 2006 were circulated, read, amended and confirmed.

MATTERS REFERRED UNDER LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 2004

2.0 **Nicola Gobbo (3269) – Disciplinary Complaint by Mr. Carl Williams dated 8 August 2006 (File No. LSC/06/3970)**

The Legal Services Commissioner's letter dated 23 August 2006 enclosing Mr. Williams' letter dated 8 August 2006 and a report dated 1 September 2006 had been circulated.

RESOLVED pursuant to s.4.4.11(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 2004* Act to request Gobbo to provide a full written explanation of her conduct and any other information or documents.



GENERAL BUSINESS

4.0 Legal Services Commissioner's letter dated 29 August 2006

The Legal Services Commissioner's letter dated 29 August 2006 was circulated and noted.

5.0 Rule 197

The Chairman reported.

RESOLVED to advise the three members of counsel who have made disclosures pursuant to Rule 197 that the Committee is satisfied that their disclosures have been considered by the Bar Council (as a delegate for the Legal Services Board) and the Committee proposes to take no further action.

FURTHER RESOLVED to publish a bulletin informing counsel of their obligation in regard to a "show cause event" pursuant to s.2.4.27 of the *Legal Profession Act* 1996.

NEXT MEETING

A next meeting of the Ethics Committee will be held on 19 September 2006 unless otherwise advised.

CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.45pm

Circulated, confirmed and dated.

Chairman

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