



THE
VICTORIAN
BAR

ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Ms. Nicola Gobbo
C/o List "M"
OWEN DIXON CHAMBERS

6 September 2006

Dear Ms. Gobbo,

Re: Complaint by Mr. Carl Williams - File No. LSC/06/3970

I refer to previous correspondence.

By letter dated 23 August 2006 the Legal Services Commissioner has, by an Instrument of Referral, referred this disciplinary complaint to the Victorian Bar for investigation under Division 3 of Part 4.4 of the *Legal Profession Act 2004* ("the Act"). The Victorian Bar has been given time constraints by the Commissioner to conduct its investigation.

The Ethics Committee, as the appropriate committee of the Victorian Bar (see Schedule 2, clause 8.14(a) of the Act), considered the matter at its meeting on 5 September 2006.

Disciplinary complaint

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint dated 8 August 2006 from Mr. Williams.

Allegations have been made against you which if substantiated might constitute "professional misconduct" or "unsatisfactory professional conduct". You should refer to Chapter 4 of the Act for definitions of those terms. Following an investigation the Committee must report to the Commissioner pursuant to s.4.4.10. For further information about the Commissioner's obligations after an investigation is completed you should refer to s.4.4.13 of the Act.

At its meeting, the Committee resolved that you be required to provide a full written explanation of your conduct and to attach any other relevant information or documents pursuant to s.4.4.11(1)(a) and (b) of the Act.

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The Committee also draws your attention to s.4.4.11(3), s.4.4.11(6)(a) and (b), s.4.4.11(7) and s.4.4.11(8) of the Act. You should also be aware that information may be sought from any other person who, in the opinion of the Committee, can assist with the investigation.

Please provide your typewritten response by **Wednesday, 20 September 2006**.

If you have any questions, please contact me on Ext 7916.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Jones
Manager
Ethics & Investigations

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