



## *Minutes*

OF A MEETING OF THE COUNSEL COMMITTEE, 10.30am on 21 DECEMBER 2010  
held in the Bar Office Meeting Room, Level 5, Owen Dixon Chambers East

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**PRESENT:** Mr M Moshinsky S.C. (Chairman), Ms M Sloss S.C., Ms K Anderson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr S Hay (Honorary Secretary); Ms. A Rock

**APOLOGIES:** Mr B Murphy QC, Mr R W McGarvie S.C.

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Membership of the Counsel Committee is as previously constituted excluding those members not re-elected to Bar Council in November.

### **1.0 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PC – NICOLA GOBBO**

The application for grant of practising certificate lodged 15 December 2010, a copy of Ms Gobbo's membership file including leave applications and correspondence and various media articles from 30 April 2010 to 25 September 2010 were tabled for consideration.

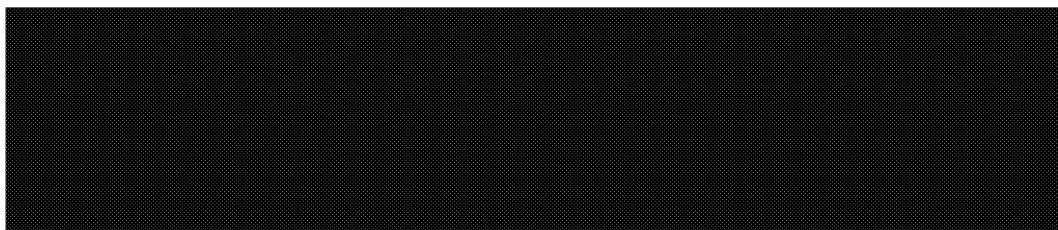
Members noted that Ms Gobbo's recent proceeding against Victoria Police had been subject to media reporting during 2010 and had been noted and discussed at Bar Council. As Ms Gobbo had stated in her application that she hoped to return to practice at the beginning of January 2011 the Committee discussed what further information it would require to enable it to consider Ms Gobbo's suitability.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Ms Gobbo, raising her negative response to q17 of the application "Is there any question referred to in Note I to which your answer is yes, you have not previously disclosed to the Board" and bringing to her attention Note I(f) *any other matter the Board thinks appropriate.*"

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to seek further information from Ms Gobbo including a copy of the Writ or other initiating process issued by her in the Supreme Court of Victoria, a copy of any Statement of Claim filed on her behalf setting out the basis of the claims made by her, a copy of any Defence filed by each of the named defendants; and a copy of any affidavit(s) in support sworn or affirmed by her and filed in the proceeding.

MS to draft letter to be circulated to the Committee for review and comment before sending. It was **AGREED** to enclose a copy of one or more of the relevant media reports with the letter.

### **2.0 APPLICATION TO SIGN THE ROLL – [REDACTED]**





**3.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

Whether the Counsel Committee should seek advice on whether it should consider future suitability/fitness matters on the papers alone was discussed briefly. This will be considered in the new year.

At 11.40am, there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.