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14 September 2019

To: [REDACTED]
MinterEllison
Level 23 Rialto Towers
525 Collins Street
Melbourne

Re: Nicola Gobbo
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The following are to address the questions that you have posed in your letter of request.

1. I have seen the above Ms Gobbo since 11 March 2019 to present. She is currently still under treatment. She comes for consultation averagely once a week.
 2. Ms Gobbo came with symptoms of Acute Stress caused by her situation as well as the Victorian police [REDACTED]
 3. She has since displayed symptoms of Depression and Anxiety. Her condition is also being affirmed and closely monitored by Psychiatrist, Dr [REDACTED] He/she has completed the BDI-II and BAI tests with Ms Gobbo [REDACTED]
 4. Ms Gobbo reports being unable to eat and requiring pharmacological management for her complex pain. She has little interest in anything and have not been able to muster up energy to engage with anyone [REDACTED] the medical professionals. There are a multitude of symptoms that she has endorsed on the tests that have been administered to her that would indicate that the disorder have hampered some of her daily functioning.
 5. Ms Gobbo has been increasingly tearful as the months go by without a shift in her circumstances. Being isolated from her social support, she is unable to tap on her social resources to ensure that things are being done. Instead, this isolation means that she will need to [REDACTED] as well as all the daily logistics and administration of the household. These are also a weight as her [REDACTED] future appears to be shrouded in uncertainty. Leading to more anxiety that Ms Gobbo [REDACTED] has to bear.
- [REDACTED]

6. Ms^{Gobbo} had seen her [REDACTED] Dr [REDACTED] about the same time that she came to me. Given her history, she was encouraged to see other specialists like, Psychiatrist, Dr [REDACTED] Ms^{Gobbo} would be in possession of the other specialists that are involved in her treatment for other issues including her Oncologist and General Practitioner.
7. Ms^{Gobbo} will be the best person to give a full account of her daily routine.
8. Ms^{Gobbo} is the [REDACTED] Hence, she is fully engaged with all the logistics [REDACTED]
9. These are personal time that the Ms^{Gobbo} has that are [REDACTED] In our sessions that she will mindfully schedule within this timeframe, she has expressed that she will have to engage with the daily chores that is a non-exhaustive list for the household to ensure her environment is [REDACTED]
10. Ms^{Gobbo} has verbalised in sessions that she has many occasions stayed up to read the materials that have been sent to her. Her current state is a major concern and with her state, she is able to manage concrete tasks. Her depression has affected her focus and will need a substantially more resources to be able to focus effectively.
11. Ms^{Gobbo's} training as a lawyer is indicative of her intellectual ability. There is little doubt that she is able to communicate effectively and her memory is remarkable. Under usual normal circumstances, she is able to provide evidence. However, given her current circumstances, and her situation [REDACTED] providing evidence from this environment is not the most conducive, as she feels extremely vulnerable and isolated. She is strongly encouraged [REDACTED] she is able to obtain ample support. The ample support in the likes of friends, family as well as professional, is essential when she provides evidence as the experience may be emotionally overwhelming and exacerbate her depressive symptoms.
12. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] so that her mind is at ease when providing evidence.

Given her circumstances, it would be beneficial for her to have a platform to have her voice heard soonest possible. Ms^{Gobbo} is also assessed [REDACTED] Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any enquires, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Thank you.

