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Mokbel effectively standing over me and, um, the bloke, I had a duty to a guy who was, unbeknownst to me, working for him, who wanted to get himself out of the mess he was in and there was the indirect pressure, the unspoken pressure of, "Get him out and make sure he shuts up", which I wouldn't do.

Um, look, there was a lot of stress involved over the years because people like, um, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] they were people who, these crooks thought because I was acting for them they'd be, they'd be safe and they would never ever become witnesses. My view was, and it still is, you can't, you're not acting in the best interests of your client if you only give them option A and option B. I'm not doing the time, they are, so they may as well know that there's a third option and if they want to do it that's their life, their choice, not mine.

Um. You know, I'm pretty alarmed to see the people jumping up and down saying, you know, send your complaint to the Legal Services Commissioner or the Victorian Bar. I can't imagine what is going to happen in that regard because I don't know where that's coming from. I don't believe there was anything done that was, I don't believe there was anything done that was improper or inappropriate from my point of view because I stand by the fact that I think if you are talking to me in a social setting and you want to brag about where you've got your [REDACTED] or where you've got your [REDACTED] um, or what murder weapon you used to kill someone, how on earth could that ever be considered privileged? Or, you know, using them as examples.

STEPHEN FONTANA: I know that. Look, um, a lot of discussion around the rights or wrongs or whatever, um, but that's really not for, for us to discuss this - - -

WITNESS F: I agree.

STEPHEN FONTANA: - - - and things like that.

WITNESS F: All I'm saying is that - - -

STEPHEN FONTANA: Yeah. I understand what you're saying though.

WITNESS F: There's a - God knows how big the snowball's getting.

STEPHEN FONTANA: In terms of what client privilege - I understand, there's a difference between - - -

WITNESS F: Big time.

STEPHEN FONTANA: Yeah. And I think that's been acknowledged by some people within, you know, the Legal Services Commissioner and things like that, that there are different settings and it just depends on that. But that's, we're not drilling down into - - -

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