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An application for review pursuant to Section 193 of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006

AND

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A determination of Auckland Standards Committee No 2

BETWEEN

CLIENT O of Auckland

Applicant

AND

LAWYER S of Auckland

Respondent

ORDER FOR COSTS

[1] This cost order arises from an application for a review of a decision by the Standards Committee of the New Zealand Law Society.

[2] The application was made by the respondent against the applicant following the applicant's non-attendance at a review hearing on 29 April 2009.

[3] The applicant, having been earlier informed that his application for review might properly be determined on the papers, nevertheless sought a hearing in person. A hearing date was accordingly arranged and attended by the respondent and his advocate. The applicant did not attend, and did not give prior notice that he would not attend.

[4] The overall circumstances relating to the application were considered, including submissions by the review applicant, and a decision made to award costs against the applicant in favour of the respondent. The full reasons for the costs order are recorded in a decision made pursuant to section 211(1)(a) of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (the Act) and dated 2 June 2009, in respect of the applicant's complaint.

[5] Pursuant to section 210 of the Act 2006 I hereby make an order for costs against the applicant in the total sum of \$350.00 (three hundred and fifty dollars), which is payable to the respondent.

[6] This order shall be enforceable against the applicant in the Auckland District Court, and pursuant to section 215 of the Act a duplicate of this order may be filed in that court and thereby become enforceable in all respects as a final judgement of that court.

DATED this 02nd day of June 2009

Hanneke Bouchier

Legal Complaints Review Officer

In accordance with s 213 of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act this decision is to be provided to:

Client O as applicant
Lawyer S as respondent
representative
The Auckland Standards Committee No.2
The New Zealand Law Society