

**NEW ZEALAND LAWYERS AND
CONVEYANCERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

[2015] NZLCDT 1

LCDT 016/14

IN THE MATTER

of the Lawyers and Conveyancers
Act 2006

BETWEEN

**CANTERBURY WESTLAND
STANDARDS COMMITTEE No. 3**
Applicant

AND

**CHRISTOPHER BRADLEIGH
PERSSON**
Respondent

CHAIR

Judge D F Clarkson

MEMBERS OF TRIBUNAL

Mr M Gough

Mr S Maling

Mr K Raureti

Mr S Walker

HEARING at Christchurch

DATE OF HEARING 19 November 2014

APPEARANCES

Mr H van Schreven for the Standards Committee

Mr N Till QC for the Practitioner

**FINAL DECISION OF THE NEW ZEALAND LAWYERS AND
CONVEYANCERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL
ON COSTS AND NAME SUPPRESSION**

[1] At the conclusion of the hearing, Mr Persson was given leave to file further evidence, should he seek to maintain his application for Final Name Suppression. His counsel has now advised that no further evidence will be forthcoming.

[2] The application is opposed by the Standards Committee. Counsel for the Standards Committee reminded us of the starting point of openness in the legislation. We accept that, and note that clear evidence is required to satisfy us that "it is proper" to depart from that openness of process, pursuant to s 240. After an adverse finding, we consider the public and the profession is entitled to know the identity of the practitioner, unless that threshold is reached.

[3] It has not been reached in this case.

[4] Accordingly, the Interim Name Suppression Order is discharged, and the application for a final order is declined.

[5] The s 257 costs are certified at \$5,162.

DATED at AUCKLAND this 17th day of February 2015

Judge D F Clarkson
Chair