

**NEW ZEALAND LAWYERS AND
CONVEYANCERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

[2014] NZLCDT 73

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

**DECISION AND CONSENT ORDERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND LAWYERS AND
CONVEYANCERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

[1] Following the hearing of this matter, and a finding that the practitioner had failed to apologise, the parties were able to resolve the matter.

[2] This involved an amendment of the charge from a charge of misconduct to one of unsatisfactory conduct under s 241(b).

[3] There followed an Acknowledgement of unsatisfactory conduct on the part of the practitioner with consequential orders.

[4] The Tribunal then granted the following orders as sought including the amendment and noting the practitioners' acknowledgement of the charge as amended.

By Consent - Orders

1. Censure of the practitioner.
2. That he deliver a formal apology in terms that acknowledge and accept the determination of the Standards Committee and otherwise unreservedly apologises.
3. He will contribute \$5,000 plus GST to the costs of the Standards Committee.
4. The New Zealand Law Society is to pay the s 257 costs to be certified.
5. The practitioner will reimburse the s 257 costs to the New Zealand Law Society.

6. On the issue of suppression there will be an interim suppression order pending the practitioner filing affidavit evidence in support of his application for a final order within 21 days with leave for the Standards Committee to file any response within a further 7 days. The decision on final suppression is reserved on that basis.

DATED at DUNEDIN this 24th day of November 2014

Judge D F Clarkson
Chair