

In the Matter of Christopher Roche

Case No: SCT/103
Date of Hearing: 8 May 2003
Appearing before: Mr P Cooper
(Presiding Member/Practitioner Member)
Mr P Mullins (Practitioner Member)
Ms I Vallin-Thorpe (Lay Member)
In attendance: Mr J W Broadley (Clerk)
Penalty: Suspended from practice until 21 April 2004

Charge

That the practitioner be suspended from practice as a solicitor in Queensland on the ground that the practitioner was, on 21 October 2002, ordered to be suspended from practice as a solicitor in the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 18 months.

Appearances

- (a) For the Council of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated:
Mr B Bartley, Solicitor of Messrs Brian Bartley & Associates
- (b) For the Practitioner:
Mr T G O'Gorman, Solicitor of Messrs Robertson O'Gorman
- (c) For the Complainant:
No appearance

Findings and Orders

1. The Tribunal suspends the practitioner from practice until 21 April 2004 on the ground that the practitioner was on 21 October 2002 ordered to be suspended from practice as a solicitor in the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 18 months until certain orders of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory had been complied with.
2. The Tribunal orders that the practitioner pay the costs of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated fixed at \$750.00 plus the costs of the recorder and the Clerk.

Reasons

Our reasons are that we are aware of the provisions of section 6T of the *Queensland Law Society Act* and we have also had the benefit of reading the Australian Capital Territory Judgment in relation to the practitioner.