

**LEGAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE OF QUEENSLAND**

**OFFICE:** Brisbane  
**NUMBER:** 003/05

**Applicant:** LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER

**AND**

**Respondent:** DREW CAMERON SQUIRES

**DISCIPLINE APPLICATION**

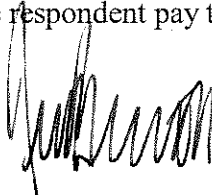
**A. DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

This application is made under section 276 of the *Legal Profession Act 2004* ("Act").

On the facts stated in the particulars of charge set out below, the applicant seeks the following orders:

1. Pursuant to section 282 of the Act that the respondent is guilty of unsatisfactory professional conduct.
2. Such further or other orders or directions as may be just.
3. The respondent pay the applicant's costs of the application.


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Description: Legal Services Commissioner

Dated:

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## B. PARTICULARS OF CHARGE

The Commissioner alleges that the following charges constitute unsatisfactory professional conduct:

1. The respondent, being a solicitor and trustee of property, namely clients' trust moneys, failed, for the financial period ending 31 March 2004, to comply with his obligations as trustee with respect to the audit requirements of his trust account.

### *Particulars*

- 1.1 At all times, the respondent was the trustee and sole signatory of the trust bank account of Drew Squires Lawyers, conducted at the Bank of Queensland, Brisbane.
- 1.2 The practitioner was obliged as trustee, in respect of each financial period ending 31 March, to cause his trust records to be audited and to:
  - (a) by 31 May, lodge an auditor's report for that financial period in accordance with s.16(1) of the Trust Accounts Act; and
  - (b) by 14 June, lodge an audit certificate for that financial period in accordance with s.3 of the Legal Practitioner's Regulation 1996.
- 1.3 In breach of his duty, for the financial period ending 31 March 2004, the respondent failed to have his trust account audited and to lodge the audit report and audit certificate by the due dates.
- 1.4 The respondent was contacted by the Queensland Law Society on 13 July 2004, 10 September 2004, 11 October 2004 and 12 October 2004 in respect of the failure to lodge the relevant audit documents.
- 1.5 On 13 October 2004, the respondent lodged the audit report and audit certificate for the financial period ended 31 March 2004.

## C. TO THE RESPONDENT

Mr Drew Cameron Squires  
Of Piper Alderman Solicitors  
Suite 909 The Christie Centre  
320 Adelaide Street Brisbane Qld 4000

This application will be heard by the Committee at a time and date to be fixed.

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Secretariat:

If you wish to contest this application, or to make submissions on penalty, you must lodge a Notice of Address for service with the Secretariat within fourteen [14] days of service of this application on you. The Notice should be in Form 8 to the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules. If you fail to file a Notice of Address for service with the Secretary within fourteen [14] days of service of this application on you, the matter will be heard in default of your appearance, on a date to be fixed being not less than twenty one [21] days after service of this application on you.

#### D. SERVICE

##### APPLICANT'S ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:

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| Name:                         | Legal Services Commission  |
| Applicant's business address: | Level 25, 307 Queen Street. Brisbane Qld 4000                      |
| Address for service:          | As Above   |
| DX:                           | DX 40118 Brisbane Uptown   |
| Telephone:                    | (07) 3406 7737   |
| Fax:                          | (07) 34067749  |
| E-mail address:               | <a href="http://www.lsc@lsc.qld.gov.au">www.lsc@lsc.qld.gov.au</a> |