THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

ACN 000 000 699

Notice by a Local Practising Certificate Holder of a Conviction or Charge

Legal Profession Act 2004
[Section 55]

TO: The Council of the Law Society of New South Wales
170 Phillip Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

I, ...

of .....

hereby give notice of a conviction of an offence that would have to be disclosed under the admission rules in relation to an application for admission or of being charged with a serious offence as defined in Section 4 Legal Profession Act, 2004.

Details of the conviction or charge

(It should be noted that the term 'conviction' is defined under Section 11(1) of the Legal Profession Act, 2004 and includes a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a guilty plea whether or not a conviction is recorded).

Date of conviction or charge

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Nature of offence

(Insert type of offence)

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Sentence

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(Should there be insufficient space to complete a full response please annex particulars and mark with the letters "AN1". You should also provide, if possible, a copy of any relevant court documentation, eg copy of court order etc).

signed

date

For your information

A notice under Section 55(1) of the Legal Profession Act, 2004 must be given in writing to the Law Society Council within 7 days after the conviction or being charged. Section 55(1) does not apply to a "show cause" event to which Chapter 2, Part 2.4, Division 7 Legal Profession Act, 2004 applies.

As to which offences are required to be disclosed, see the Admissions Rules.

Section 55, Legal Profession Act, 2004 provides as follows:

55 Statutory condition regarding notification of offence

(1) It is a statutory condition of a local practising certificate that the holder of the certificate:

(a) must notify the appropriate Council that the holder has been:

(i) convicted of an offence that would have to be disclosed under the admission rules in relation to an application for admission to the legal profession under this Act, or

(ii) charged with a serious offence, and

(b) must do so within 7 days of the event and by a written notice.

(2) The regulations, or the legal profession rules if the regulations do not do so, may specify the form of the notice to be used and the person to whom or the address to which it is to be sent or delivered.

(3) The giving of notice in accordance with Division 7 (Special powers in relation to local practising certificates—show cause events) of a conviction for a serious offence satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) (a) (i) in relation to the conviction.