

NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS AGAINST LEGAL PRACTITIONERS FIDELITY FUND

The Council of The Law Society of New South Wales invites any person who has suffered pecuniary loss because of default by the law practice Autore & Associates Solicitors & Barristers, arising from the conduct of an associate of that law practice, Mr. Anthony Autore, to make a claim against the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund.

The law practices used the following addresses:

- Suite 5, 156 Crown Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500;
- Suite 2, 200 Crown Street Wollongong, NSW 2500;
- 141 Crown Street Wollongong, NSW 2500;
- 238 Cowper Street, Warrawong, 2502.

Under the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) a default occurs where:

1. the law practice received trust money or trust property in the course of the law practice's legal practice; and
2. (a) the law practice has failed to pay or deliver the trust money or trust property, and that failure arises from an act or omission of an associate that involves fraud or dishonesty; or

(b) there has been a fraudulent dealing with trust property arising from or constituted by an act or omission of an associate that involves fraud or other dishonesty.

An associate includes a solicitor, employee or agent. Defaults relating to financial services or investments are restricted (see rule 85 of the Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015).

A claim must be made on the approved form. To obtain a claim form please write to the Manager of the Fidelity Fund Department of The Law Society of New South Wales at 170 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000 or email ffclaim@lawsociety.com.au. Information is also available on the Law Society's website www.lawsociety.com.au.

Completed claim forms must be received at the Law Society by 5 pm on **21 January 2024**. A claim cannot be made after **21 January 2024**, unless the Law Society Council or the Supreme Court allows further time.