

**LEGAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE OF QUEENSLAND**

**REGISTRY: Brisbane**  
**NUMBER: 007/05**

**Applicant: LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER**

**AND**

**Respondent: PETER ARNOLD MURRELL**

**ORDER**

**Before:** Mr P Cooper (Chairperson), Mr M Conroy (Legal Practitioner) and Ms P Frampton (Lay Member)

**Date:** 19 December 2005

**Basis of Judgement:** Originating Application filed on 25 May 2005

**THE ORDER, FINDINGS AND REASONS OF THE COMMITTEE:**


1. Leave was granted to amend the Disciplinary Application by the deletion of allegation 4.
2. The Committee recorded that the Respondent acknowledged that his conduct in writing the letter of 16 June 2003 amounts to unsatisfactory professional conduct.
3. The Committee finds that the issue of the letter of 16 June 2003 and the language used amount to unsatisfactory professional conduct.
4. The Committee finds the Respondent guilty of unsatisfactory professional conduct.
5. The Committee fines the Respondent \$2000.00 to be paid to the Legal Practitioner's Interest on Trust Account Fund and time is given of 12 months from the date of today within which to pay such fine.

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6. The Respondent is to pay the Applicant's costs and that of the Recorder to be agreed but, failing agreement, to be taxed, but such costs to be limited to a maximum of \$2,000.00 such costs to be paid within 12 months of today's date.
7. In imposing the fine, the Committee has taken into account the financial position of the Respondent, namely that he is bankrupt and that his current gross annual income is \$35,000.00, which facts were not disputed by the Counsel for the Applicant. In addition the Committee has taken into account that the Applicant pleaded guilty and was cooperative in his dealings with the Commission in having this matter brought before the Committee.

  
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Chairperson

  
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