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The President and Councillors,
The New South Wales Bar Association,
BY HAND.

Dear President and Councillors,

My application for silk 2014

I refer to my application for silk lodged at 5.12 pm on 25 July, 2014, when staff of the association were still at the office to receive it.

I note that the published deadline for applications was 5.12 pm.

error - should be 5 pm.

I have received a letter from Mr Selth stating that he is instructed to advise me that my application will not be considered as it was not accompanied by any explanation of why it was lodged late.

The reason why it was lodged late was that I was unexpectedly required in Court on Friday for longer than anticipated. I did not get free until about 3 pm and was perforce required to settle the details of my application in a great rush. This led to the application being hand delivered 12 minutes late.

I must say that I was surprised to receive Mr Selth's letter, given that only 12 minutes were involved and that this is my ninth application and the history of frustration that lies between us.

I request that you accept my application under the provisions of clause 17. I hereby re-submit my application with the above emplanation.

Yours faithfully,



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