

Chief Registrar v Vakaloloma - Judgment on Sanctions
ILSCJ10/2017; [2017] FJILSC 10 (14 June 2017)

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Facts

Mr Aseri Vakaloloma had appeared in the High Court of Lautoka without a valid practising certificate, in breach of sections 42(1) and (2) of the *Legal Practitioners Act 2009* ('LPA'). By reason of this conduct, Mr Vakaloloma was charged with one count of professional misconduct in accordance with sections 82(1)(a) and 83(1)(a) of the *LPA*.

Judgment

Mr Vakaloloma entered into a guilty plea in relation to professional misconduct. Therefore, this judgment dealt with only sanctions. The Commissioner ordered that his practising certificate be suspended for one month, and that he pay two sums of \$500 to the Chief Registrar and the Commission respectively, as compensation for costs reasonably incurred.