

**Chief Registrar v Vosarongo (No 1); Chief Registrar v Lagilevu-Vodo (No 1)**  
**ILSCJ08/2016; [2016] FJILSC 6 (23 September 2016)**

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**Facts**

This case involved allegations of negligence made by the Chief Registrar against Mr Vilimone Vosarogo and Ms Laisa Lagilevu-Vodo, principal and trustee of Mamlakah Lawyers and Lagilevu Law respectively, regarding their dealings with clients' trust accounts. This interlocutory judgment relates to an application by Mr Vosarogo and Ms Lagilevu-Vodo for an interim renewal of their practising certificates (whose cases were heard jointly).

**Judgment**

The Commissioner examined the serious nature of the allegations and the importance of protection of public at large. He considered the judgment of the Commissioner Connors in *Cevalawa* [2010] FJILSC 27 (18 October 2010) ('*Cevalawa*'), which noted the effects of Commission sittings being conducted part-time, namely the detrimental impact this may have on legal practitioners. Following consideration of *Cevalawa*, the Commissioner granted both Mr Vosarogo and Ms Lagilevu-Vodo their application for renewal of their respective practising certificates until 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.