

Chief Registrar v Vosarongo (No 2) - Ex Tempore Judgment
ILSCJ09/2016; [2016] FJILSC 9 (7 December 2016)

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Facts

See *Chief Registrar v Vosarongo (No 1)* [2016] FJILSC 6 (23 September 2016). This judgment concerns an application made by Mr Vosarongo for an interim grant of a practising certificate, his previous one having expired on 7th December 2016.

Judgment

The Commissioner held that, as in *Chief Registrar v Vosarongo (No 1)* [2016] FJILSC 6 (23 September 2016), due to the serious nature of the allegations made against Mr Vosarongo, public protection needed to be considered. However, the Commissioner acknowledged that as the Commission only sits part-time, not having a practising certificate can have detrimental effect on legal practitioners.

As a result, Mr Vosarongo was granted an interim practising certificate until 6 February 2017, subject to four conditions, namely that:

1. he was not allowed to operate any trust account, specifically the Trust Account No. 7703648, held at the Bank of the South Pacific unless approved in writing by the Chief Registrar;
2. he was required to provide monthly bank statements for Mamlakah Lawyers Trust Account No. 7703648 to the Office of the Chief Registrar at the end of each month, unless further notice was provided;
3. he could only practice as a barrister and receive payment upon issuance of an invoice after completing his work; and
4. finally, he had to conduct his work under the supervision of Mr Simone Valenitabua.