



Judgment Summary

Supreme Court
Australian Capital Territory
Full Court

Wednesday, 30 October 2024

Law Society (ACT) v Bangura [2024] ACTSCFC 1

Mossop J, McWilliam J & Ainslie-Wallace AJ

The Full Court of the Supreme Court of the ACT has ordered the removal of a legal practitioner from the Roll of Legal Practitioners.

The application was made by the Law Society of the ACT following the conviction of the practitioner in 2017 in the NSW Local Court for the offence of attempting dishonestly to obtain a financial advantage. The practitioner had appealed to the District Court, but the conviction was maintained. The practitioner subsequently applied for review by the NSW Court of Appeal. That proceeding was dismissed in July 2020.

The respondent was found to have endured difficult personal circumstances, however the health conditions that arose as a result were not causative of the dishonesty. The practitioner was found to have a defect of character, the nature of which was such as to make the applicant not fit and proper to practise for a period of indefinite duration. To protect the public and maintain the highest standards of the legal profession, the Full Court determined that removal from the Roll was appropriate.

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