

# SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOLICITORS ACT 1974

Case No. 11861-2018

**BETWEEN:**

SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY

Applicant

and

RICHARD FREDERICK PALMER,  
SHEENA KAY TAYLOR

First Respondent  
Second Respondent

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Before:

Mr R. Nicholas (in the chair)  
Mr B. Forde  
Mrs L. McMahan-Hathway

Date of Decision: 28 March 2019

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**Appearances**

None, the matter was considered on the papers.

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**MEMORANDUM OF STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

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## **Factual Background**

1. The Rule 5 Statement in this application was dated 16 August 2018. Further to a number of extensions having been granted the First Respondent filed and served his Answer to the Rule 5 Statement on 11 December 2018 and the Second Respondent on 4 January 2019.
2. On 26 February 2019 the Tribunal received a joint application on behalf of the Applicant and the First Respondent for:
  - 2.1 Severance of the proceedings against the First and Second Respondent.
  - 2.2 Indefinite stay of proceedings against the First Respondent, on medical grounds, subject to him undertaking that he:
    - (i) Remove his name from the Roll of Solicitors.
    - (ii) Never re-apply for readmission.
    - (iii) Never work in the profession in the future.
3. A Case Management Hearing (“CMH”) was convened on 11 March 2019 at which the joint application was heard. The Tribunal accepted the medical evidence presented on behalf of the First Respondent and granted the application for severance. The Tribunal also granted the application for an indefinite stay of proceedings against the First Respondent conditional upon the provision of undertakings as set out in Paragraph 2.2(i)-(iii) above.

## **Current Position**

4. On 22 March 2019 the First Respondent signed the undertakings required of him as set out in Paragraph 2.2(i)-(iii). On 25 March 2019 Jonathan Goodwin, solicitor advocate of 69 Ridgewood Drive, Pensby, Wirral, CH61 8RF, instructed by the First Respondent, served the signed undertakings on Rory Mulchrone, barrister at Capsticks, 1 St George's Rd, Wimbledon, London SW19 4DR, instructed by the Applicant. On 26 March 2019, Rory Mulchrone filed the signed undertakings at the Tribunal.

## **Order**

5. IT IS ORDERED that:
  - 5.1 The proceedings against the First Respondent be stayed.
  - 5.2 Costs be reserved.
  - 5.3 Liberty to apply.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019

On behalf of the Tribunal



R. Nicholas  
Chairman