

QUEENSLAND CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

CITATION: *Legal Services Commissioner v Slipper* [2019] QCAT 169

PARTIES: **LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSIONER**
(applicant)
v
ROBIN JOHN SLIPPER (No 2)
(respondent)

APPLICATION NO/S: OCR 110-14

MATTER TYPE: Occupational regulation matters

DELIVERED ON: 1 July 2019

HEARING DATE: 22-23 August 2018

HEARD AT: Brisbane

DECISION OF: Hon Peter Lyons QC, Judicial Member

Assisted by:
Ms Megan Mahon
Dr Margaret Steinberg AM

ORDERS: **1. The Tribunal recommends that the respondent's name be removed from the local roll.**
2. The respondent is to pay the applicant's costs of and incidental to the application, to be assessed on the standard basis.

CATCHWORDS: PROFESSIONS AND TRADES – LAWYERS – COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE – PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND UNSATISFACTORY PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT – where the Tribunal found that in five of the matters to which the discipline application relates the respondent placed himself in a position of conflict and then engaged in rapacious conduct – where the Tribunal found that the conduct in each of those five matters was professional misconduct – where the Tribunal also found that the respondent took estate moneys to which he was not entitled and demonstrated gross incompetence – where the parties were granted the opportunity to make submissions on the Tribunal's proposed orders upon these findings but did not do so – determination of final orders against respondent

APPEARANCES &
REPRESENTATION:

Applicant: G R Rice QC, instructed by Legal Services Commission

Respondent: B T Cohen, solicitor of Bartley Cohen

[1] The findings made in this matter are recorded in earlier reasons.¹ The parties were given the opportunity to make submissions about the orders proposed by the Tribunal, but have made no submissions about them. Accordingly, the following orders are made:-

1. The Tribunal recommends that the respondent's name be removed from the local roll.
2. The respondent is to pay the applicant's costs of and incidental to the application, to be assessed on the standard basis.

¹ *Legal Services Commissioner v Slipper* [2019] QCAT 146.