

Member Name: George Ballas - PNA
Division: Victoria
Date of Hearing: 14th November 2008

The NIA Investigations Review Officer and the NIA Investigations Officer resolved that Mr. Ballas had a case to answer for:

- (a) having breached clause 98(2)(a) of the NIA Constitution in that it was alleged he breached NIA Pronouncement 4 – Quality Assurance Reviews, in that he failed to abide by the requirements of Public Practice Certificate holders in that despite numerous attempts at contact to make arrangements, Mr. Ballas did not undertake a Public Practice Quality Assurance review; and
- (b) having breached clause 98(2)(f) of the NIA Constitution in that it is alleged the abovementioned is conduct that is not in the best interests of the Institute.

Tribunal Decision

The Tribunal resolved that there was a case to answer under section 98(2)(a) of the NIA Constitution and a case to answer under section 98(2)(f) of the NIA Constitution.

The Tribunal further resolved that Mr. Ballas' membership and Public Practice Certificate are suspended for a period of three months, the suspension commencing on the date he is deemed to have received notification of the Tribunal's decision, during which time he is required to have completed a successful Public Practice Quality Assurance review; if the successful Public Practice Quality Assurance Review is not completed within the stipulated time his membership is automatically forfeited; and costs of \$500.00 are to be applied.

The Public Practice Quality Assurance review was not completed within the time specified and consequently Mr. Ballas' membership was forfeited with his name struck off the register of members.

Date of Notice: 1st May 2009
Reference: 4537