

## PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 1 OF 2006

### LEGAL PRACTICE TRIBUNAL

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#### RECORDING OF HEARINGS

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Under section 434(2) of the *Legal Profession Act 2004*, the Chairperson of the Legal Practice Tribunal may issue directions of general application about the Tribunal's procedures.

Section 476 of the *Legal Profession Act* provides:

- “(1) A disciplinary body for a discipline application may decide whether or not a proceeding before it is to be recorded under the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*.
- (2) Subject to an order made under section 480 and the requirements of the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*, anyone is entitled to obtain a copy of the record under the Act.”

All proceedings before the Tribunal are to be recorded under the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962* by the State Reporting Bureau.

Following the conclusion of any proceeding before the Tribunal, the State Reporting Bureau should provide the Registrar of the Tribunal with the following:

- (a) where the Tribunal has reserved its decision, three copies of the transcript of the hearing (unless the Tribunal otherwise orders);
- (b) a transcript copy of any finding or order made.

Subject to any order made under s 480 of the *Legal Profession Act* (“prohibited publication about hearing of a disciplinary application”) and the requirements of the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*, the State Reporting Bureau is empowered to provide a copy of the transcript or record to any person upon payment of applicable fees, as per the *Recording of Evidence Regulation 1992*.

**Paul de Jersey**  
**Chief Justice**  
30 March 2006