

Failure to Respond to Law Society

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On March 15, 1990 the Law Society wrote to the member for explanation of a matter, and received his response April 10.

The Law Society wrote again on September 25, 1990 requesting that the member respond to another matter. The Society sent two reminder letters on October 16 and 30, and followed up with a telephone call to the member's office on November 29. The member told a Law Society secretary he believed his response of April 10 made a further letter of explanation unnecessary, but he was agreeable to discussing this with the staff lawyer responsible for the file.

When the Law Society staff lawyer called that same day, the member said he would have to call her back. He did not. The staff lawyer on December 5 left another message for him to call, but the call was not returned.

The Society wrote again on January 15, 1991, advising the member that, if he did not write back by January 23, his failure to respond would be put before the Standing Discipline Committee.

The Committee on January 31 authorized a citation. The citation was subsequently rescinded June 21, after the Society had received the member's letter of response, and the member admitting he had professionally misconducted himself in failing to respond promptly to Law Society correspondence.

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