

VLSB Statement on Disqualification

1. On 18 November 2020, on an application brought by the Victorian Legal Services Board (**Board**) following an internal investigation, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (**Tribunal**) ordered that Ms Athena Razos is a disqualified person within the meaning of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (Victoria)* (**Uniform Law**).
2. In orders dated 18 November 2020, the Tribunal disqualified Ms Razos for an indefinite period, based on the following findings:
 - (a) that two grounds for making an order under s 119 of the Uniform Law have been established, namely that:
 - (i) the respondent has been convicted of serious offences; and
 - (ii) the respondent is guilty of conduct that would have constituted professional misconduct if she were an Australian legal practitioner;
 - (b) that disqualification of the respondent for the purposes of the Uniform Law for an indefinite period is justified; and
 - (c) that the respondent has at various times been known by the aliases listed at Schedule 1 to the orders.
3. The aliases listed in Schedule 1, by which Ms Razos has otherwise been known from time to time, are as follows:
 - (a) Athena Ligris;
 - (b) Zizzi Athena;
 - (c) Athina Bouzas;
 - (d) Athena Katherine Bouzas-Legriss;
 - (e) Athena Legris;
 - (f) Athina Ligris;
 - (g) Teena Ligris;
 - (h) Tina Ligris;

- (i) Athina Zissi;
 - (j) Athina Zissiadis;
 - (k) Teena Zissiadis;
 - (l) Tina Zissiadis;
 - (m) Teena Zissiadis Ligris; and
 - (n) Tina Zissiadis-Ligris.
4. Pursuant to section 121(1) of the Uniform Law, a law practice is prohibited from employing a lay associate whom any principal or legal practitioner associate of the law practice knows to be a disqualified person or to have been convicted of a serious offence.
5. The penalty for employing such a lay associate without the Board's approval is 100 penalty units (presently \$16,522.00).