

DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

DT/11/2019

In the Matter of **CONSTANCE MARGREAT
PAGLAR** (NRIC NO. SXXXX694J) an Advocate &
Solicitor

And

In the Matter of the Legal Profession Act (Chapter
161)

FURTHER REPORT

TRIBUNAL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:	MR ANDRE YEAP, SC
ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR:	MR G. RADAKRISHNAN

PARTIES

COUNSEL FOR LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE:	MR. SHASHI NATHAN/MISS J JAYALETCHUMI
COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT:	RS BAJWA

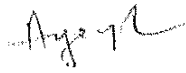
DATED THIS 14th DAY OF MAY 2021

1. This report is supplemental to the Tribunal's report dated 12 May 2020 ("the Report"). The defined terms used herein are the same as those used in the Report.
2. The Tribunal refers to the decision of the Court of Three Judges dated 5 February 2021 in Originating Summons No 6 of 2020 (*The Law Society of Singapore v Constance Margreat Paglar* [2021] SGHC 27) ("the Decision") determining that a respondent's antecedents may be considered for purposes of sentencing and remitting the matter to the Tribunal for its determination of the appropriate order under s93(1)(b) of the LPA for the amended charge under r 5(2) (e) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules 2015 ("PCR") to which she had pleaded guilty.
3. Following the Decision, the Tribunal directed parties to make further submissions in relation to the appropriate order to be made by the Tribunal.
4. The Law Society did not make any fresh submissions and essentially sought to rely on its previous submissions, wherein it sought a penalty of \$6,000.00.
5. The Respondent referred to her Antecedent (referred to in paragraphs 46 and 47 of the Report) wherein she pleaded guilty to 4 charges of having breached Rule 5(2)(c) of the PCR for failure to act with reasonable diligence in the provision of services by failing to provide an update of the progress of her client's claims and for which she was ordered to pay a penalty of \$4,000. However, the Respondent argued that little weight, if any, should be given to the Antecedent as the events relating to the present proceedings occurred during the period of March to June 2018, which was prior to her receipt of the complaint which was the subject matter of the Antecedent.
6. The Respondent also submitted that she had suffered the ramifications of having gone through the hearing before the Court of Three Judges which resulted in the Decision and that a reprimand should suffice.

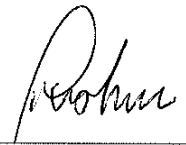
7. Having regard to the submissions made previously by the Law Society, the previous submissions and the further submissions made by the Respondent, the Tribunal determines, pursuant to s 93(1)(b)(i) of the LPA, that the Respondent should be ordered to pay a penalty of \$2,500 which the Tribunal considers sufficient and appropriate to the misconduct committed.

8. Parties are to bear their own costs of the remittal proceeding.

Dated this 14th day of May 2021.



President: Mr Andre Yeap, SC



Member: Mr G. Radakrishnan

