

## Appeal Tribunal - 30 July 2015

### Member bankrupt and other sanctions - Paul Anthony Pattison CA

The Appeal Tribunal of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (Chartered Accountants ANZ) held an appeal against the sanctions imposed on Paul Anthony Pattison a chartered accountant of Victoria by the Professional Conduct Tribunal on 17 March 2015. The Professional Conduct Tribunal had found a case established, on the member's own admission, that the member was liable to disciplinary action in accordance with:

1. By-law 40(a), in that the member failed to observe a proper standard of professional care, skill or competence in the course of carrying out his professional duties, in that:
  - a. on 23 April 2012 he was deregistered as a trustee in bankruptcy; and
  - b. on 25 February 2013 his registration as a registered liquidator was cancelled; and
  - c. on 20 June 2014 he was disqualified from managing corporations for a period of three years as and from 21 January 2013; and
2. By-law 40(e), in that the member has been the subject of adverse findings in relation to his professional or business conduct or competence by a court of law, statutory authority, regulatory authority and/or statutory body, in that:
  - a. on 23 April 2012 he was deregistered as a trustee in bankruptcy by the Inspector General in Bankruptcy; and
  - b. on 25 February 2013 his registration as a registered liquidator was cancelled by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC); and
  - c. on 20 June 2014 he was disqualified from managing corporations for a period of three years as and from 21 January 2013; and
3. By-law 40(eb), in that a condition and/or restriction has been imposed on a professional registration and/or licence in the member's name, in that:
  - a. on 23 April 2012 he was deregistered as a trustee in bankruptcy by the Inspector General in Bankruptcy; and
  - b. on 25 February 2013 his registration as a registered liquidator was cancelled by ASIC; and
4. By-law 40(h), in that on 17 December 2012 the member became a bankrupt; and
5. By-law 40(j), in that the acts, omissions and defaults as set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above bring, or are likely to bring, discredit on the member, Chartered Accountants ANZ and/or the profession of accountancy.

The Professional Conduct Tribunal ordered that:

- The member be excluded from membership;
- Notification of the Tribunal's decisions be given to the Australian Institute of Credit Management, CPA Australia and the LEADR Association of Dispute Resolvers;
- The member be required to pay a contribution of \$2,900 plus GST towards the costs of the disciplinary action.

The Appeal Tribunal decided:

- to affirm the determinations of the Professional Conduct Tribunal that:
  - notification of the Tribunal's decisions be given to the Australian Institute of Credit Management, CPA Australia and the LEADR Association of Dispute Resolvers;
  - the member be required to pay a contribution of \$2,900 plus GST towards the costs of the disciplinary action;
- to set aside the determination of the Professional Conduct Tribunal that the member be excluded from membership;
- to impose the sanction of cancellation of the member's membership until 18 months after the date of discharge from his current bankruptcy; and
- to additionally impose the costs of the Appeal hearing of \$3,100 plus GST.

**Appeal Tribunal  
Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand**

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