



Disciplinary Action – Dr Bradley Postma, Registered Patent Attorney

1. Following an investigation by the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board (the Board) into the professional conduct of Bradley Theodore Postma (Patent Attorney), a registered Patent Attorney in Australia, the Board commenced proceedings in the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Disciplinary Tribunal (the Tribunal).
2. After consideration of all relevant matters, the Board has withdrawn the charges brought against the Patent Attorney in the Tribunal, and has accepted an acknowledgement from the Patent Attorney in relation to admitted breaches of the *Code of Conduct for Trans-Tasman Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys 2018* (the Code). The Patent Attorney has acknowledged that he engaged in unsatisfactory professional conduct by:
 - 2.1 failing to adequately document advice given to a client who had engaged his services in relation to a request to rectify the Register of Patents pursuant to s 191A of the *Patents Act 1990* (Cth) (the rectification request);
 - 2.2 failing to adequately document advice given to the client in relation to an amendment of the rectification request; and
 - 2.3 failing to document the instructions received from the client in relation to the amendment of the rectification request prior to filing the amendment.
3. These breaches of the Code occurred during the period of 7 November 2019 and 1 May 2020.
4. In response to these breaches of the Code, the Board requires the Patent Attorney to complete an additional 12 points of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) relating to practice management, to be completed within 12 months from 3 June 2025.
5. The Board has published this statement in the interest of transparency and to remind all attorneys of their responsibilities in relation to the documentation of advice and instructions as an essential part of the maintenance of the standard of competence, diligence and behaviour that a member of the public is entitled to expect of a registered attorney.

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