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Dear Sir

OBRART -V- GREGO

I am a solicitor retained by Ms Natalie Obrart to appear for her in regard to the matter of Obrart v Grego.

You will have noticed from reading the judgment of Judge Manousaridis, that his findings are expressed in careful and qualified terms. In particular, His Honour did not find that Ms Obrart had fabricated any documents in support of her application for assessment of costs, despite the inadequacies of the evidence that had been adduced on her behalf (see the judgment at para 119).

Ms Obrart was not present in Court during the hearing of the matter, and became only fully aware of the extent and nature of the allegations against her upon reading the judgment by Judge Manousaridis.

Judge Manousaridis reserved leave to Ms Obrart to put additional material to him in regard to the issues relating to her.

Ms Obrart has availed herself of that leave and will appear by Senior Counsel to put additional material and submissions to Judge Manousaridis. She will submit to the Court by her Counsel that there was no dishonest conduct or fabrication in regard to the documents relating to her assessment application, by her or on her behalf. She will further submit that the inadequacies in the documents identified by His Honour were the result of error and inadvertence in collating documents by her staff.

The final disposition of this matter will therefore depend upon the way in which Judge Manousaridis deals with Ms Obrart's application, and what further steps, if any, His Honour takes in regard to the terms of the judgment already published, or the publication of any further reasons.

We would respectfully suggest that it might well be premature for you to write a note on the matter prior to the finalisation of Ms Obrart's further application.

Yours faithfully
JSM Lawyers & Notaries



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