

Wednesday, 2nd November 2022

Ms Joanne van der Plaats
President
Law Society of NSW
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Dear Ms van der Plaats

Re: Law Society of NSW

We are now into November and into the closing hours of your presidency of the Law Society of NSW, and no doubt you have already embarked on scripting your final President's Message for the December edition of the Law Society Journal.

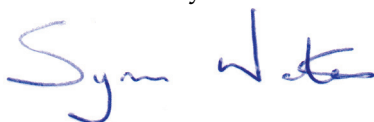
I predict you will speak of being honoured and humbled while also speaking of your innumerable accomplishments, of the sacrifices you have made, and of the proud legacy with which you leave your role as president.

However, I also predict that you will forget to mention the time and energy you spent on covering up not only solicitor misconduct and wrongdoing, but also of the corrupt activities as taking place within the Law Society itself.

You had the most wonderful opportunity of not only sorting out the mess you inherited, but also of that as an honest and fearless trailblazer who was prepared to place the legal profession above blatant self-interest. Sadly, and without shame, you chose blatant self-interest as the better option, while the corruption continues unabated around you and indeed probably quite enhanced.

Whether you like it or not, this will be the true legacy that follows you.

Yours faithfully



Symn Waters