

# Member Requesting LIV Assistance

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**To:** Tania Wolff <president@liv.asn.au>

**Subject:** Member Requesting LIV Assistance

**Attachments:**

**Associations:** LAW INSTITUTE OF VICTORIA [1793]

⚠ This email was sent as High priority

Hi Tania,

Now that the VLSB delegation has ended I would like to arrange a meeting with you in my capacity as an LIV member of long-standing in need of assistance and support.

As you are aware, the investigation instigated by the VLSB into my being a fit and proper person brought about the resignation of my newly admitted employee lawyer, resulting in the total collapse of my succession plan. This has also led to apprehension among other staff, who then commenced looking for other positions.

The emotional toll all of this has taken on my family is such that I promised to my wife that we would transition to retirement (something that I had never intended to do) and sell our law firm. This decision has also fed into the apprehension of our remaining staff members.

While I have a possible purchaser for my firm, the sale would be contingent on my staff remaining, and my being able to continue practising during the transition phase. It appears likely that the sale may fail due to reluctance of my staff to commit to their continuing with the firm while my situation remains so uncertain.

I hold the Law Institute of Victoria fully responsible for the situation I now find myself in. This conclusion is based on the fact that I had first engaged the Law Institute to assist and support me in my lodging of a complaint against the VLSC with IBAC, only to find that the Law Institute then shunned me and accepted the delegation of the VLSC, effectively turning against me. It was the Law Institute that then decided that my publishing of corruption allegations rendered me unfit to hold a Practising Certificate, without any regard at all to the fact that the published material is true and unchallenged.

I remain a member of the Law Institute, and I believe that I am entitled to support and assistance in preventing the total collapse and loss of my law firm. I would like to meet with you to discuss the ways in which the Law Institute of Victoria, my professional association, is prepared to assist me.

I look forward to your early reply.

Regards,



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