

Private and Confidential

Ms Esther Hafoka

315 Legal

Email: seini@315legal.com.au

File Ref: CAS023724_2

29 July 2025

Dear Ms Hafoka

Complaint by Keith Rowley about 315 Legal

This Office deals with complaints about lawyers in NSW exercising powers and carrying out functions conferred by the Legal Profession Uniform Law (the LPUL).

The above complaint has been referred to me for action. Please quote the reference **CAS023724** in future correspondence.

Please find enclosed a copy of Mr Rowley's complaint.

Mr Rowley's Complaint

Mr Rowley provides copies of the email correspondence he has received from Mr Peter Caporn.

In his complaint, Mr Rowley states

"...I received an email saying that my business name was ,to be registered as a trademark. I told him I had now already registered it. He said that ONLY he was authorised to register the trademark for Sydney Business Web (My company soince 2019). I called IP Australia -case numbers 251726 (Anthony) and 251718n(Ben). I was told that the emails were WORD FOR WORD identical to scam emails they had been warning people about. In fact - they read ahead as I was reading aloud. The law firm is reghistered - 315 legal The lawyer partner or founder is Esther Seini Langi Hafoka - verified on law society search. I want this investigated as coercive malpractice..." [sic]

It appears that Mr Rowley is alleging that he has received email correspondence from Mr Caporn using a 315 Legal email address, on your letterhead, and Mr Caporn identifies himself as acting on behalf of 315 Legal in relation to a trademark matter.

Classification of the complaint as a Disciplinary matter

A **consumer matter** is so much of a complaint about a lawyer or a law practice as relates to the provision of legal services to the complainant by the lawyer or law practice and as the Commissioner determines should be resolved by the exercise of functions relating to consumer matters.

A **disciplinary matter** is so much of a complaint about a lawyer or a law practice as would, if the conduct concerned were established, amount to unsatisfactory professional conduct or professional misconduct.

The complaint has been assessed and will therefore be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

The preliminary assessment of the complaint is now completed. I will investigate this complaint pursuant to section 282 of the LPUL.

You have a right to make submissions with respect to the complaint pursuant to section 279(1)(b) of LPUL.

Further information needed from you by 18 August 2025

1. Please provide your submissions in response to Mr Rowley's complaint.
2. Please advise if Mr Peter Caporn is currently employed or working in your firm.
3. Please clarify if the above subject email attached to Mr Rowley's complaint form has been sent from your/ your firm's email address.
4. Please verify the exact email address used by yourself/ your firm/ any employees of your firm.
5. Please provide any additional supporting material such as letters, emails, or file notes of conversations which you may wish to provide in support of your submissions.

As the Commissioner can only consider information that is before him, you should also provide any other information you think is relevant to a proper and fair determination of the complaint about you.

I look forward to receiving your written response by **18 August 2025**.

Yours sincerely


Rachel Teo
Legal and Investigation Officer

Encl: Complaint Form