

NOTICE
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL
2022-LPDT01

IN THE MATTER OF EUGENE KEARNS, A PRACTISING SOLICITOR

**AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND TO
THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LEGAL SERVICES REGULATION ACT 2015 (“THE ACT”)

Law Society of Ireland (applicant)

Eugene Kearns, with solicitor number S6452, currently practising at Eugene P. Kearns, 10 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 (respondent)

On 25 October 2023, the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal found the respondent guilty of misconduct in that he:

Failed to ensure that there was furnished to the Law Society of Ireland an Accountant’s Report for the year ended 31 October 2021 within six months of that date, in breach of Regulation 26(1) of the Solicitors Accounts Regulations 2014, Statutory Instrument No. 516 of 2014.

The Tribunal ordered that the respondent:

1. be censured in relation to his misconduct under Section 82(1)(c) of the Act.
2. be directed to pay the sum of €1,000.00 to the Compensation Fund under Section 82(1)(l) of the Act.
3. pay the sum of €1,512 to the applicant, being the agreed costs of the applicant under Section 82(1)(j) of the Act.