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Mr Tony Trichter
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Dear Mr Trichter,

Re: Service of prohibition notices

The Law Society's Criminal Law Committee (Committee) has asked that I bring to your attention the practice of large retailers using police officers to serve prohibition notices.

It was reported to the Committee that a police officer from Cowra Police Station issued a prohibition notice on behalf of a shopping centre (Target) on the solicitor's client. The solicitor raised the issue with the Local Area Commander who agreed that it was an inappropriate use of police resources.

The issuing of prohibition notices should be a matter between the shopping centre management and the person receiving the notice. Members of the Committee have reported that this is not an isolated incident and has occurred in other areas of NSW.

It would be much appreciated if you could bring this matter to the attention of your Local Area Commanders.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Catanzariti
President



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