

NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS AGAINST LEGAL PRACTITIONERS FIDELITY FUND

The Council of The Law Society of New South Wales invites any person who has suffered pecuniary loss because of default by the law practice GE Law Pty Ltd trading as Gardner Ekes Lawyers arising from the conduct of an associate of that law practice, Hector Ekes, to make a claim against the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund.

The law practice trading as Gardner Ekes Lawyers used the following address:

Level 9, 82 Elizabeth Street
Sydney, NSW, 2000

Under the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) a default occurs where:

1. the law practice received trust money or trust property in the course of the law practice's legal practice; and
2. (a) the law practice has failed to pay or deliver the trust money or trust property, and that failure arises from an act or omission of an associate that involves fraud or dishonesty; or

(b) there has been a fraudulent dealing with trust property arising from or constituted by an act or omission of an associate that involves fraud or other dishonesty.

An associate includes a solicitor, employee or agent. Defaults relating to financial services or investments are restricted (see rule 85 of the Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015).

A claim must be made on the approved form. To obtain a claim form and information brochure, please write to the Manager of the Fidelity Fund Department of The Law Society of New South Wales at 170 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000 or email ffclaim@lawsociety.com.au. Information is also available on the Law Society's website www.lawsociety.com.au.

Completed claim forms must be received at the Law Society by 6 September 2021. A claim cannot be made after 6 September 2021, unless the Law Society Council or the Supreme Court allows further time.