

**Lyndon Clifford Watson, Christchurch** – applied to be released from a 1983 undertaking that he would not practise other than as a patent attorney; that undertaking now modified to not practising on his own account, whether in partnership or otherwise, until authorised by the tribunal, so that he can now practise in any area of law as long as another practitioner employs him; ordered to pay tribunal costs of \$1,572.34.

### Applications for restoration to the roll

**Edward Poulter Leary, Auckland** – application to be restored to the roll unanimously declined, Mr Leary having been struck off by the Court of Appeal in 1987; ordered to pay tribunal costs of \$8,193.23. Mr Leary has appealed against this decision.

**John Andrew Tannahill, Wellington** – having been struck off in 2001 following admission of offences punishable by imprisonment, he was restored to the roll on 15 August 2006 following an undertaking to practise only as a barrister; ordered to pay tribunal costs of \$4,550.96.

### Applications for practising certificates

Under s58 of the Law Practitioners Act 1982 the tribunal can direct a district law society council to authorise the secretary to issue a practising certificate. The tribunal does not have the power to award costs. The tribunal directed the relevant district councils to authorise practising certificates to:

**Peter Andrew Pau Nee-Harland, Havelock North.**

**John Andrew Tannahill, Wellington** – barrister only.

**A Waikato Bay of Plenty practitioner.**

### Appeals from district law practitioner disciplinary tribunal decisions

**A Wellington practitioner** – the tribunal reversed district disciplinary tribunal decisions, delivered in 2005, that had found professional misconduct; costs order also reversed.

### Applications relating to former legal employees

Orders were made under s114 of the Law Practitioners Act 1982 that, as they were guilty of conduct that would render a practitioner liable to being struck off, the following former legal employees were not to be employed in connection with a practitioner's practice so long as the order remains in force:

**Tania Din-Gee Brixton, formerly of Wellington** – also ordered to pay costs of \$2,113.19 to the Wellington District Law Society and costs of \$1,150.05 to the NZLS.

**Janice Playford, formerly of Palmerston North** – no costs awarded.

**Fualole Tonumaiepa, formerly of Wellington** – also ordered to pay costs of \$1,963.42 to the Wellington District Law Society and \$1,150.05 to the NZLS.

### Interim suspensions

During the year the tribunal made two orders for interim suspension.

Statistical summary of cases completed by 31 December 2006		
Description*	2006	2005
Struck off	7	4
Suspended	0	3
Not to practise on own account, or supervision	1	1
Fine, censure, undertaking	2	2
Applications for amended orders	2	1
Appeal from district disciplinary tribunals	1	0
Restoration to the roll	2	0
Practising certificates	3	1
Interim suspension	2	0
Not to be employed	3	3
Charges withdrawn	1	1

\* Highest penalty recorded