

19 May 2015



Discipline Penalty Report

Registered Architect Carolyn Savage 3442

Background

On 16 December 2013, a complaint was laid against Registered Architect Carolyn Savage registration number 3442

The complaint was in regard to the provision of services in relation to a residential project.

The complaint was investigated. As a result of that investigation, a Disciplinary Committee Hearing was held to consider a charge that Mrs Savage:

- undertook professional work using an agreement for services which indicated that Mrs Savage would use her best endeavours to hold and maintain professional indemnity insurance when she knew or ought to have known that she did not have professional indemnity insurance
- in her design miscalculated the required height in relation to the boundary.

Both elements of the charge were alleged to be in breach of rule 49 of the Code of Minimum Standards of Ethical Conduct for Registered Architects which states:

49. Care and diligence

A Registered Architect must perform his or her professional work with due care and diligence.

At the commencement of the Disciplinary Committee Hearing Mrs Savage admitted to the charge.

On 26 March 2015, the NZRAB considered the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee Hearing and resolved as follows:

As required by Registered Architects Rule 76, the Board:

- agree that pursuant to s25 (1) (b) of the Registered Architects Act 2005 Mrs Carolyn Savage has breached the Code of Minimum Standards of Ethical Conduct for Registered Architects; and therefore there are grounds for discipline; and, subject to agreeing the above:
- pursuant to 26 (1) (c) of the Act agree that Mrs Savage be censured; and
- pursuant to 26 (1) (d) of the Act agree that Mrs Savage be required to:

- a) remain in employment under the direct supervision of a Registered Architect for a period of two years continuous employment, commencing on the date of the Board's decision on this matter; and,
- b) undertake her next competence review required under Rule 22 as a face-to-face interview without a fee; and
- pursuant to s26(4) determine that Mrs Savage be required to contribute 30 per cent of the reasonable costs and expenses of and incidental to the inquiry and any payment arrangements permissible; and
- pursuant to s 26 (5) (b) agree that it would not be appropriate to publicly notify any aspects of this matter.