

J.W.K. BURNSIDE AO QC

18th December, 2015.

Mr Glenn Thompson,
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Dear Mr Thompson,

Thank you for the documents you sent through to me regarding your allegations of corruption in the Victorian Supreme Court.

It seems to me that if you really want to pursue your allegations, you should try to recruit counsel from interstate. The reason I say that is that (like most Victorian silks, I assume) I know all of the people you refer to and am quite good friends with a number of them. That would leave me in a position of personal embarrassment if I were to take any action in relation to your concerns.

If you really want to take action in relation to the matters you raise, then you will almost certainly need to get interstate counsel who will not be saddled with the same level of personal embarrassment.

I should explain that "personal embarrassment" is a technical expression which acknowledges that it would be ethically improper to be involved in proceedings against that other person because of personal friendship or acquaintance. While I acknowledge the seriousness of the matters you wish to raise, it is essential that you have those matters raised by someone who will not be ethically compromised in the endeavour.

Very best wishes,

