

HEARING AID COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Application for Restoration to the Register

held at

70 St Mary Axe
London EC3A 8BD

on

17 August 2007

PRESENT:

MR CHRIS HUGHES (Chair)

MR TONY CORCORAN
MR MIKE BISHOP
(Committee Members)

MS SIOBHAN GOODRICH: Legal Assessor
MRS JANET HAWTHORNE: Council's Solicitor
MR CHRIS O'LEARY: Deputy Registrar
MS AMICIE KNOWLES: Committee Administrator

Case of: MR CLIFFORD S FIGES

The respondent attended and represented himself.

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2 DECISION REGARDING RESTORATION

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4 CHAIR: The panel directs the restoration to the Register of Mr Figes. We are satisfied
5 that he has acted in good faith and that he has produced evidence that he is a fit and
6 proper person and has taken appropriate steps to be trained to ensure that he is ready
7 to discharge his responsibilities as a registered dispenser.

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9 DECISION REGARDING COSTS

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11 CHAIR: Mr Figes, we have thought about the costs and feel they are proportionately high.
12 We're not minded to make an order for costs in anything like the sum which has
13 been incurred. We're also aware of the tax position with respect to the retention
14 fees. What we are therefore directing with respect to payment is that you pay the
15 total of the retention fee, which is £875 in two instalments: one of £425 within 28
16 days of today; and the second instalment of £450 within six months of today. We
17 direct that you pay costs of £750 at the rate of £125 a month, the first payment due
18 on 1 July 2008. That gives you effectively a bit under a year and a half to pay off
19 the entire total sum. The total sum due is £1,625.

20 MR FIGES: Fantastic. Thank you very much. That's very good. I appreciate that. It will
21 give me a good start. I'm sure we'll be doing that.

22 CHAIR: Well we talked about it coming through the dimension of your company. That's
23 entirely up to you. It may be that with this arrangement you can sort it out for
24 yourself.

25 MR FIGES: Yes, it gives me that opportunity.

26 CHAIR: Thank you. Good luck.

27 MR FIGES: I would like to thank you all for what has been a very psychological thing.

1 Now I've met everybody it's actually been a positive experience. I thank you for
2 your time.

3 CHAIR: Thank you very much.

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[The hearing concluded]