

26 November 2010

Mr R Partington  
8 Dunbar Way  
NORTH GOSFORD NSW 2250

Dear Mr Partington

**YOUR COMPLAINT ABOUT JOHN HOLD**

I refer to our previous correspondence in relation to this matter and am writing to inform you that the Commission has now completed its investigation of your complaint.

Essentially you allege that Mr Holt has breached section 24 of the Queensland Legal Profession Act 2007, in that he engaged in the practice of law without being the holder of a Queensland practicing certificate/

It is accepted that Mr Holt has been struck off the roll of practitioners in NSW. He is not the holder of a current practicing certificate.

However, my inquiries have not disclosed a sufficient nexus with Queensland to found the taking of any action against Mr Holt.

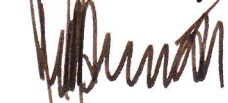
Mr Holt was a solicitor admitted in NSW. The action which you state constituted engaging in legal practice occurred in Gosford, NSW. Both Ms Mead and Mr Holt deny that he is 'legal counsel' for any Queensland firm. There is no evidence apart from your assertions that he is legal counsel for Cohen Strategy Investment, or that he works for them at all.

Turning to the conduct in question, Ms Mead states and this is supported that she engaged Mr Holt as an agent. Mr Holt denies that he advised the CTTT that he was a solicitor and it appears that agents are allowed to appear.

For these reasons but in particular given the jurisdictional aspect, I will not be taking any action in respect of this matter and I have closed the file accordingly.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



John Briton  
**Legal Services Commissioner**

We would appreciate your taking the time to provide some feedback about our work. This will help us improve our services.