

## **Transcribed Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice**

Court File Number CV-14-500950

Applicant: The Law Society of Upper Canada

And

Respondent: Giuseppe Alessandro a.k.a. Joe Alessandro, Nicolino Alessandro a.k.a. Nick Alessandro and Law Help Ltd.

Signed by the Honourable Justice Goldstein

Dated Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

Transcription Note: the Court stamp is visible

### **Consent Order**

This Application, by the Applicant for an interim injunction against the Respondents was heard this day at 393 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1E6.

On reading the Notice of Application of the Law Society of Upper Canada ("LSUC"), and upon reviewing the Application Record, the Supplementary Application Record, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary Application Record, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supplementary application Record, 4<sup>th</sup> Supplementary Application Record, 5<sup>th</sup> Supplementary Application Record, and Factum of the Applicant and the Responding Motion Records and Facta of the Respondents Giuseppe Alessandro and Law Help Ltd., and upon hearing submissions of counsel for the Applicant and counsel for the Respondents Giuseppe Alessandro and Law Help Ltd.,

Transcription Note: the Order is modified by hand to replace "Record" with "Records" and "Factum" with "Facta" in the phrase "...the Responding Motion Records and Facta of the Respondents...". The changes are initialled.

1. This Court orders that this application is dismissed as against the Respondent Nicolino Alessandro a.k.a. Nick Alessandro without costs, and without prejudice to the Applicant to bring a subsequent application as against the Respondent Nicolino Alessandro a.k.a. Nick Alessandro;

2. This Court orders a permanent injunction pursuant to sections 26.1 and 26.3 of the *Law Society Act* restraining the Respondents Giuseppe Alessandro and Law Help Ltd. (the "Respondents") from, directly or indirectly, practising law or providing legal services;

Transcription Note: The phrase "...sections 26.1 and 26.3..." is written in by hand and initialled.

3. This Court orders a permanent injunction restraining the Respondents from, directly or indirectly, assisting members of the public with the conduct of a legal proceeding;

4. This Court orders a permanent injunction restraining the Respondents from owning, operating, managing or entering into any contractual relationship in relation to the operation of any "referral" or other business in relation to the provision of legal services or the practice of law;

5. This Court orders a permanent injunction restraining the Respondents from employing or contracting with persons licensed by LSUC (“Licensee” or “Licensees”), directly or indirectly, to provide legal services or legal support services to members of the public or to practise law;

6. This Court orders a permanent injunction restraining the Respondents from entering into or continuing any rental, leasing or other agreements with Licensees relating to the use of property or services owned, directly, indirectly or beneficially by the Respondents for the provision of legal services to members of the public or the practice of law where the Respondents receive any financial benefit that is tied to the profitability of the legal services business;

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- a) For further clarity, the Respondents are prohibited from the following:
- i. Providing any further services to a leasee who is also a Licensee, included but not limited to administrative services and / or sales assistance, including soliciting clients from in or around courthouses in Ontario;
  - ii. Having a direct or indirect interest in the business of any leasee who is also a Licensee;
  - iii. Attending at the business premises of the leasee who is also a Licensee during ordinary business hours save and except for any emergency situation that requires his attendance in his capacity as landlord; and

Transcription Note: the phrase “...save and except for any emergency situation that requires his attendance in his capacity as landlord...” is written in by hand and initialled.

- iv. Meeting with any clients of any leasee who is also a Licensee;

7. This Court orders the Respondents to provide a copy of this Order to any leasee who is also a Licensee;

8. This Court orders a permanent injunction restraining the Respondents from representing or holding out, directly or indirectly, to members of the public that they are individuals who are entitled to provide legal services or to practise law in Ontario;

9. This Court orders the Respondents to modify all vehicles owned or operated by the Respondents, directly or indirectly, to remove all advertising relating to the provision of legal services or the practice of law, including but not limited to providing “referrals” to licenced paralegals or lawyers, immediately;

10. This Court orders the Respondents shall not reinstate the website “lawhelpinfo.com” or the e-mail account associated with lawhelpinfo@gmail.com;

Transcription Note: the Order is modified by hand to replace “to remove” with “shall not reinstate” and “immediately, and cancel” with “or the” in the phrase “...the Respondents shall not reinstate the website ‘lawhelpinfo.com’ or the e-mail account...” and to remove the word “immediately” at the end of the sentence. The changes are initialled.

11. This Court orders the Respondents to remove, or take all reasonable steps to cause the removal of, all job, help wanted advertisement or business advertisements, or notifications posted on the internet relating to Law Help Ltd. or any other legal referral business owned or operated by the Respondents directly or indirectly (including but not limited to any postings on “craigslist.com”, “craigslist.ca”, “jobbank.gc.ca”, “clearlegal.ca” and “Ontario.jobs-open.ca”, “usedtoronto.com”, and “lawyernetowork.ca”) immediately;
12. This Court orders that the Respondents and their agents immediately cease using telephone numbers 416-787-7200, 416-787-2036 and 416-854-0957, and facsimile number 416-787-5033 in connection with the business of Law Help Ltd. or any other business in relation to the provision of any legal services or the practice of law, whatsoever, including legal “referral” services;
13. This Court orders the Respondents to destroy all existing promotional material dealing with Law Help Ltd., including but not limited to business cards, advertisements, and brochures immediately;
14. This Court orders the Respondents to remove all signage owned by the Respondents related to “law” or the provision of legal services from all real property owned or operated, directly or indirectly, by the Respondents;
15. This Court orders that the Respondents provide all outstanding client files, records or other client material created or collected pursuant to the delivery of any legal services or legal referral services (“Property”) to the LSUC forthwith;
16. This Court orders that the LSUC has the power to distribute, deliver or return to the clients or their lawful representative, trustee, agent or attorney, any Property that comes into the possession of the Law Society;
17. This Court orders that LSUC has the power to publish this Order and any and all facts relevant to this Order for the purpose of informing, advising and protecting the public and Licensees;
18. This Court orders that costs are payable to the Applicant in the amount of \$30,000, within 90 (ninety) days, payable personally by Giuseppe Alessandro to the Law Society of Upper Canada.

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Transcription Note: signed by the judge

Transcription Note: stamped and signed by the court as issued and entered on November 6, 2014

Transcription Note: Backpage text reordered for clarity as follows

Title of Proceedings: The Law Society of Upper Canada (Applicant) v. Giuseppe Alessandro et al (Respondent)

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