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**Member Name:** Peter Scheufens

**Division:** Victoria

**Date of Hearing:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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The IPA Investigations Review Officer and the IPA Investigations Officer resolved that Mr. Scheufens had a case to answer for having:

- (a) breached clause 98(2)(a) of the IPA Constitution in that it was alleged he breached a Pronouncement of the Institute, in particular Pronouncement 6 – Client Money and the Maintenance and Audit of Trust Accounts of Members, in that it is alleged he transferred money from his trust account to a third party without written permission of the client; and
- (b) breached clause 98(2)(f) of the IPA Constitution in that it was alleged that this conduct constitutes behaviour that is not in the best interests of the Institute.

The Disciplinary Tribunal of 23rd July 2010 resolved that member Scheufens was admonished without his name being published; he was to be subjected to a quality assurance review at his own expense with a specific focus on his trust account and engagement letters with that review to take place at a date to be determined by the Tribunal Executive Officer, but no later than three months from the date of effect of the determination; he is to attend the next available Professional Practice Orientation program; and costs of \$500.00 are imposed, payable in thirty days of the date of effect of this determination.

Mr. Scheufens did not comply with all the components of the above Tribunal decision, in particular to attend a Professional Practice Orientation Program and there were issues from the quality assurance review that were not resolved. Consequently he was referred to the Tribunal of 19th August 2011 alleging a breach of section 98(2)(h) of the IPA Constitution in that he has failed to comply with an order of an IPA Disciplinary Tribunal.



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## **Tribunal Decision**

The Tribunal of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011 adjourned his case for formal hearing at a subsequent Tribunal.

The Tribunal Hearing of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 determined the case and resolved that the case as presented against Mr. Scheufens under section 98(2)(h) of the IPA Constitution was proven.

The Tribunal resolved that Mr. Scheufens' membership was forfeit and costs of \$500:00 were imposed payable within 30 days.

**Date of Notice:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Reference:** 2893