

1 HEARING AID COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

2 **Meeting of the**

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4 **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

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6 Held at:

7 70 St Mary Axe

8 London EC3A 8BD

9 On

10 Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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12 PRESENT:

13 (THE CHAIR)

14 MR CHRISTOPHER HUGHES OBE

15 Panel Members:

16 MR PETER INCE

17 MR MICHEAL BISHOP

18 Legal Assessor:

19 MS MELANIE CARTER

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21 **MR CHRIS WHALLEY** appeared on behalf of the Hearing Aid Council.

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23 **MS AMICIE KNOWLES** Clerk to The Hearing Aid Council Disciplinary Committee.

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26 **In the matter of:**

27 MR CRISTIAN RAYMOND

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**Monday, 14th December 2009.**

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2 CHAIR: This meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Hearing Aid Council consists of  
3 myself: Chris Hughes, Chairman, Mr Michael Bishop and Mr Peter Ince. Today we are  
4 assisted by Miss Melanie Carter, Legal Assessor and the Hearing Aid Council is  
5 represented by Chris Whalley, assisted by Miss Amicie Knowles. The Committee is  
6 convened today to consider one matter: an application for restoration to the Register  
7 from a dispenser who was removed from the Register, whose name is Cristian  
8 Raymond. He has consented to a Panel of three, he is aware of the date of the Hearing  
9 and he has indicated that he is not attending today. Mr Whalley?

10 MR WHALLEY: Thank you, sir. As you rightly indicated, this is an application by Mr Raymond  
11 to be restored to the Register, that is a basic amendment under Section 8 of the Hearing  
12 Aid Council Act of 1968. You should have before you a copy of a bundle of documents  
13 running to ten pages initially and then there are further e-mails added on to that which  
14 are not paginated. Section 8 of the Hearing Aid Council Act states that a person that  
15 has been removed from the Register can apply to the Disciplinary Committee to be  
16 restored. If the person has been erased from the Register, that cannot happen within  
17 ten months, but if it is a removal as a result of non-payment of retention fees, then that  
18 application can be heard within that ten month period, so this is a valid application by Mr  
19 Raymond. Your rules are governed by Rule 11 of the Hearing Aid Council Disciplinary  
20 Committee Rules. This states that you should afford the applicant - in this case Mr  
21 Raymond - an opportunity of being heard and adducing evidence. You may require  
22 such evidence as necessary concerning the identity or character of Mr Raymond or his  
23 conduct since his name was removed from the Register. You may receive written or oral  
24 evidence. If I can briefly take you through the bundle of documents. You will find that at  
25 page 4 of the bundle is a witness statement from the Registrar, Chris O'Leary. Within  
26 that you will see that Mr Raymond was removed from the Register on 1st June of this

1 year; he had not paid his retention fees and further on in the statement you will see that  
2 Mr O'Leary does not have any objections to Mr Raymond being restored to the Register.  
3 Mr Raymond's application is found at pages 7 to 10 of that bundle and there is also an  
4 addendum to that application which is found in an e-mail in the back of the bundle. It is  
5 not paginated but it is an e-mail dated 8th December addressed to Amicie Knowles of  
6 the Hearing Aid Council and he sets out there his application to be restored to the  
7 Register. Unless you have any specific questions, sir, that is the application on behalf of  
8 Mr Raymond.

9 CHAIR: Thank you. Since he was removed, and prior to that, he has been carrying out  
10 audiological work in the NHS so he has been able to keep up his skills. Are there any  
11 questions to ask, Mr Whalley? Any advice the legal assessor feels it is necessary for us  
12 to hear?

13 LEGAL ASSESSOR: No, sir, it is straightforward to me.

14 CHAIR: Is the Committee content to restore Mr Raymond to the Register?

15 MR BISHOP: Yes.

16 MR INCE: Yes.

17 CHAIR: Then we direct he is so restored. Now he has clearly paid the requisite fee for  
18 restoration. I think that concludes the business.

19 *(Court adjourned)*