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Subject: Law Society's Disciplinary hearing regarding Darren Bobroff
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To: Susan Louw SUSANL@lsnp.org.za
Cc: Thinus Grobler grobler@lsnp.org.za

Dear Mr Grobler,

Please find attached the Judgment of the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces (LSNP).

Moneyweb will be publishing a story about the proceedings, and publishing, in full, the attached judgment.

What I intend to say in my story is that the decision by the LSNP is astounding. It effectively found Darren Bobroff guilty, but did not pass a verdict. This was compounded by calling him a "disgrace" to the profession. The LSNP then tried to keep it quiet rather than make the finding public my commencing proceedings to have his name struck from the roll of attorneys. My respectful view is that one cannot be both a disgrace to the profession and fit and proper to practice – they are mutually exclusive – and he has been found to be a disgrace.

My deadline to receive your comments, if any, is [today at 15h00](#).

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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The winner in the print category is Tony Beamish for his story published by Moneyweb, "Fraud at court: another spoke in the garnishee wheel" and in Noseweek, "Officials Defy Access Law".

This carries a prize of R50 000."

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Read my two Noseweek stories here: ["Officials defy access law"](#) and ["Catch me if you can!" – Yes, we can!"](#)

