



FACULTY OF ADVOCATES

22 December 2005

Mr Tom Minogue
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Dear Mr Minogue

Complaint by you against Donald R Findlay (2005/28)

A Complaints Committee met to consider this complaint on 14 December 2005. I chaired that Committee which also comprised another senior member of Faculty and two Lay Members, appointed by the Scottish Executive. As you know, in August a decision was taken to restrict the scope of this complaint to the speech given by Mr Findlay in about May of this year at a Rangers Supporters Club in Larne, Northern Ireland.

The Committee considered all the evidence before it, including the report in the *Sunday Mirror* on 29 May 2005. The Committee decided that the jokes in the speech regarding a nun and in respect of the death of the Pope were matters which brought the Faculty into disrepute and breached the Faculty's Guide to Conduct.

The Committee is minded to uphold the complaint in respect of those matters and to remit it to the Faculty's Disciplinary Tribunal to deal with the issue of penalty. That procedure requires the consent of counsel in terms of Rule 5(7)(d) of the Disciplinary Rules 2005. I have written to Counsel to ascertain if he will consent and will update you on matters in due course and at that stage you will

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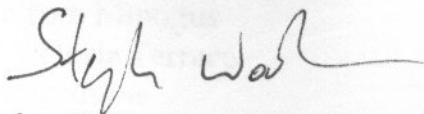
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have the right to refer the matter to the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman if you are unhappy about the way the complaint has been handled.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Woolman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen E Woolman QC