

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**CIV-2015-409-000575
[2017] NZHC 50**

UNDER the Defamation Act 1992
BETWEEN C G CRAIG
Plaintiff
AND J C STRINGER
Defendant

Hearing: 30 January 2017
Appearances: C G Craig (Plaintiff) in person
J C Stringer (Defendant) in person
Judgment: 31 January 2017

JUDGMENT OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE OSBORNE

[1] At a conference convened yesterday, the parties reached and recorded a full and final settlement of all issues between them.

[2] I order by consent:

(a) There is judgment for the plaintiff against the defendant in relation to the following publications alleging:

- (i) that the plaintiff sexually harassed Rachel McGregor;
- (ii) that the plaintiff sexually harassed another woman or other women;

(iii) that the plaintiff has been fraudulent in his business dealings;
and

(iv) that the plaintiff committed electoral fraud.

(b) The plaintiff's claims are otherwise dismissed.

[3] By their agreement the parties recorded that:

(a) The defendant retracts in full his statements as to the matters set out at paragraph [2](a) above;

(b) The defendant has apologised to the plaintiff; and

(c) The defendant has settled the litigation by payment of a confidential sum.

[4] There is no order as to costs and directions as to costs or disbursements previously made or reserved are rescinded.

[5] As the Judge who convened the conference, I congratulate both Mr Craig and Mr Stringer for the way they have conducted themselves at the conference.

Associate Judge Osborne

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