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# Instructing a barrister - Alberone

Dear Rocky

Thank you for your enquiry made via the Direct Access Portal

Counsel Samantha Marsh is able to have a conference with you. Counsel is agreeable to reducing her fee for this to £150 + VAT and payment would need to be received in advance before Counsel is able to begin any work. This includes preparing for and attending a conference for up to an hour and a half

Counsel has advised that it may be after reading the documents her advice is that you do not have grounds to have your sexual harm order lifted.

The Court look at things such as:-

- Time elapsed
- Compliance with terms
- Absence of further offending
- Lifestyle stability such as employment, accommodation etc
- Risk factors

The test is necessity and proportionality not just that no further offending has occurred as the aim is to protect the public.

Any application would be made stronger with character references, evidence of completion of therapy / related courses, confirmation of employment/ lifestyle stability and the reason the order is negatively impacting you and needs to be removed.

If you would like to proceed please can you complete and return the attached form to me together with the relevant papers. I will then forward a client care letter to you and provide you with possible dates for the conference to take place.

Kind regards,

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