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Title

**Resurrecting confidence in the practise of law
within the South Pacific region**

Nature of Paper

Working Paper

An effective and robust regulatory model for processing and investigating complaints and on finding of unsatisfactory or unprofessional misconduct and disciplining lawyers cannot be overemphasized. My paper provides an overview of the available regulatory models in various jurisdictions in the South Pacific region, with particular focus on Fiji's external disciplinary model. The analytical framework that predominantly guides my paper relies on a number of professional disciplinary proceedings presided by the Commissioner of the Independent Legal Services Commission (ILSC) under the external disciplinary model in Fiji since 2009. I further considered the range of *Orders* made against practitioners in Fiji for unsatisfactory professional conduct and professional misconduct. The range of *Orders* is signaling a strong message to young law graduates receiving undergraduate education to reimagine their roles when in practice and it further provides legal educators renewed impetus in the discipline of law.