## IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY



No S270 of 2017

HOMAYOUN NOBARANI Appellant

and

TERESA ANNE MARICONTE Respondent

## **RESPONDENT'S SYNOPSIS OF ARGUMENT**

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## Part I

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## Part II

- 2. Ward JA did not err in refusing a new trial.
- 10 3. Nor did Emmett AJA.
  - 4. This Court should not order a new trial even if the CA majority erred in relation to the discretion to refuse a new trial.
  - 5. On the notice of contention, seven of the eight grounds of procedural fairness put by Nobarani were not accepted by the CA.
  - 6. Those eight grounds are:
  - i. refusing to adjourn to allow Nobarani properly to prepare his case;
    - ii. dealing with admissibility issues without hearing from Nobarani;
    - iii. refusing to adjourn to allow Nobarani to obtain expert evidence in relation to two pages of Mr Bradstreet's diary;
    - iv. not permitting Ms Parseghian to be cross-examined by Mr Nobarani;
    - v. refusing to adjourn to allow Nobarani to obtain a signature expert in relation to the testatrix's signature;
    - vi. refusing an adjournment to allow Lemesle to be called as a witness;
    - vii. not permitting the affidavit of Lemesle to be read;

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refusing to adjourn so that a subpoena could be issued to Dr Kearns. viii.

- Only (i) was accepted by a majority of the CA. But on that issue, no error was made 7. by the trial judge. Nor was there any miscarriage of justice.
- As to (ii) (vii), none of these matters amounted to an error or breach of procedural 8. fairness by the primary judge or warranted a new trial.

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Dated: 17 May 2018