

**ORDER PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF NAMES OR IDENTIFYING
PARTICULARS OF THE PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND**

**I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

**[2024] NZEmpC 36
EMPC 429/2023**

IN THE MATTER OF an application for search orders

BETWEEN ELG
 Applicant

AND KLE
 Respondent

Hearing: 5 March 2024
 (Heard at Christchurch via Audio Visual Link)

Appearances: M Wisker, counsel for applicant
 C Eggleston, counsel for respondent
 R Towner, independent solicitor

Judgment: 5 March 2024

ORAL JUDGMENT (NO 4) OF JUDGE K G SMITH

[1] On 2 February 2024, by consent I further extended the orders that were made on 23 November 2023.¹

[2] At that time the orders were to be reviewed on the first available date after 4 March 2024 which is today.

[3] At this morning's hearing I was informed by Ms Wisker that the parties are working co-operatively to resolve matters but that the volume of material that needs to be taken into account has slowed expected progress.

¹ *ELG v KLE* [2024] NZEmpC 8; *ELG v KLE* [2023] NZEmpC 211.

[4] Mr Eggleston, I should add, expressed the respondent's gratitude for the co-operative way in which the applicant has worked through this task.

[5] The parties requested a further adjournment to provide an opportunity to resolve the proceeding. Given that progress is being made towards settlement, I make the following orders by consent:

- (a) The orders made on 23 November 2023, extended on 4 December 2023² and on 2 February 2024 are further extended.
- (b) Those orders will be reviewed at a hearing to be conducted by AVL on 8 April 2024 at 9.30 am. If there is any difficulty in obtaining AVL services on that day an alternative means of conducting the hearing will be communicated to counsel in advance.

[6] Costs are reserved.

K G Smith
Judge

Judgment delivered orally at 9.39 am on 5 March 2024

² *ELG v KLE* [2023] NZEmpC 219.