

Apology – Gerard O’Neill

On 19 October 2022, ISME sent a letter to the Minister for Justice which was also published on its website concerning Mr Gerard O’Neill, solicitor, in relation to defamation proceedings he had brought against ISME in 2020. The 2020 proceedings related to statements published by ISME that suggested Mr O’Neill had been guilty of professional misconduct and in respect of which ISME issued an apology to him, acknowledged the statements were untrue and paid Mr O’Neill compensation and his legal costs.

The letter of 19th October 2022 suggested that the defamation proceedings brought by Mr. O’Neill were not genuinely brought to protect and vindicate his good name.

ISME wishes to acknowledge that this is also wholly untrue and deeply unfair to Mr. O’Neill and has caused him upset and distress.

ISME wishes to take this opportunity to apologise unreservedly to Mr O’Neill and his family for its remarks and has agreed to pay him damages and his legal costs.

ISME has agreed not to publish further defamatory statements concerning Mr O’Neill.