

Privy Council Appeal No. 11 of 1994

Dr. Graham Pritchard Edlin

Appellant

v.

The General Medical Council

Respondent

FROM

**THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL**

ORAL JUDGMENT OF THE LORDS OF THE JUDICIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL,
DELIVERED THE 26TH MAY 1994

Present at the hearing:-

LORD TEMPLEMAN
LORD LLOYD OF BERWICK
LORD NOLAN

[Delivered by Lord Templeman]

In the light of the admissions made by the doctor before the Professional Conduct Committee, their Lordships are satisfied that this appeal must be dismissed. It is, however, a very odd and curious case. There is only the one patient. The Professional Conduct Committee were quite entitled on the evidence in front of them to strike off the doctor. Application can be made at the end of ten months for restoration to the register. The doctor will have an opportunity of examining the prescriptions if he wishes and to make submissions based on what he now says are forgeries to the next Committee when he applies.

The appellant has, as he says, lost his livelihood. Their Lordships do not cast the slightest doubt either on the Committee or its findings or its sentence when their Lordships say that in all the circumstances they do not think it appropriate to make an order for costs before the Board. The Council will have to bear that as part of its public duty. Without making criticisms of anybody their Lordships think this is a proper case not to order costs.

Their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that this appeal ought to be dismissed.