

*Privy Council Appeal No. 9 of 1980*

Noel Patrick Burns    -    -    -    -    -    -    -    *Appellant*

v.

The General Medical Council    -    -    -    -    -    *Respondent*

FROM

**THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
MEDICAL COUNCIL**

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JUDGMENT OF THE LORDS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF  
THE PRIVY COUNCIL, DELIVERED THE 17TH JULY 1980

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*Present at the Hearing :*

LORD KEITH OF KINKEL

LORD SCARMAN

LORD ROSKILL

[*Delivered by* LORD KEITH OF KINKEL]

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Their Lordships have given careful attention to everything that Dr. Burns has said in support of his appeal against the sentence of suspension passed upon him by the Disciplinary Committee. It has been repeatedly said by this Board in cases such as the present that it requires a very strong case to warrant interference with the decisions of the Committee, who are the best people for deciding matters relating to professional misconduct. Their Lordships are of opinion that in this case there are no grounds which would warrant their interfering with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

Their Lordships will humbly advise Her Majesty that the appeal should be dismissed. There will be no order as to costs.

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