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## Duncan Grant McCartney

Report # OZ-RIP-101618

**Lawyer cum Property developer**

**Duncan Grant McCartney**

Surrey Hills, Sydney, NSW

Reported By: Mad, Sydney NSW

Category: [Solicitors](#)

Google this lawyer before you use him. I don't know how he is still practising. Real name is Duncan Grant McCartney. He calls himself Grant conveniently. Loves his clients money. Failed property ventures and non return of investors money. Used to practise in New Zealand then Queensland. Path of destruction where ever he goes. Well deserved directors ban you.

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[Author Comment from ORO Moderator E](#)

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11/04/11 - 9:35pm

Author: ORO Moderator E

Location: Australia

There is a highly derogatory comment regarding my law partner on the Oz Rip-Off site, number above. On the 31 March, 2011 I logged in, filled out a verification of our company and have heard absolutely nothing whatsoever back from Oz Rip-off. I want this "report" removed immediately or at the very least I want someone at that organisation to call this office and discuss this with Mr. McCartney failing which will be commencing legal action. You have 7 days from today to respond.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Simmons

### [Author Comment from ORO Admin](#)

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11/04/11 - 9:45pm

Author: ORO Admin

Location: Australia

Dear Sir

We do not respond favourably to legal threats.

The person, Mr McCartney, who you claim to represent is clearly open to the type of criticism posted and has ample form to suggest there is at least some substance to the claims.

You may consider that solicitors are beyond the bounds of fair criticism. We do not believe that to be the case.

We will not remove the post that you refer to and all future and current correspondence will be posted here.

In the meantime you are welcome to post a rebuttal to the claims.

### [Consumer Comment from SkidMarkLover](#)

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12/04/11 - 7:36am

Author: SkidMarkLover

Location: Melbourne, VIC

Ooh, its getting a bit hot round the collar in here. I googled Duncan Grant McCartney for the hell of it considering the above claims and found this - <http://www.asic.gov.au/asic/asic.nsf/byheadline/04-110+Financial+services+licensee+restrained?openDocument> And this -

<http://www.moneymanagement.com.au/news/asic-moves-on-failed-equity-release-vendor> hahahahahha - read

it and weep! I found this information in two minutes. The post from the Law Partner above is just embarrassing lol!!!!

What has been claimed by the consumer above is indeed factual - surely the ASIC doesn't attach its good name to false claims. The statement made by MAD above is repeated almost verbatim in the ASIC press release. This has made my night! Should I become a detective or what? lol Go Oz RippOff!! You guys rock !

### [Consumer Comment from SkidMarkLover](#)

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12/04/11 - 8:56am

Author: SkidMarkLover

Location: Melbourne, VIC

Hi, I meant to post this link before. If Duncan Grant McCartney is going to threaten legal action against Oz RipOff you should probably hit the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) up too. They, much like MAD, have taken facts regarding Mr McCartney and used them in a statement on a public forum. Considering the hilarious statement by Simmons above, the claims made by the SMH should/will also be deemed derogatory. Have a read. - <http://www.smh.com.au/national/stamp-duty-dispute-sours-hawkesbury-development-20100209-npt2.html> - I haven't giggled like this a while, hehehehehehehe LOL. If all the info I've found on the ASIC website and the SMH about Mr McCartney is true, this guy is one greedy, dishonest fella. Oz RIPOFF is the best thing since sliced bread. I just love reading about all these dodgy characters!!!! :-)

### [Consumer Comment from Dennis the menace](#)

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12/04/11 - 9:10am

Author: Dennis the menace

Location: Canberra, ACT

Stamp duty naughtiness. Just googled it myself. Wow! What's that letter all about. Don't be naughty and it won't end up here mate. I think people should be aware of this stuff. He has a horrible rep displayed on google spanning quite a few years. Sue who. Google, SMH, ASIC and the all the public that read this dreadful stuff. It seems that he looks like the common factor in all the articles. I can get you the complaint section for google mate if you want. The above report is so correct it's sad that he is still practicing. All I got to say is oink oink mate. Stamp your feet at Oz Ripoff all you want but don't fiddle the stamp duty. It's all public record. You should know that you said he was your Law Partner. Are you even a lawyer?

### [Consumer Comment from rpg123](#)

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12/04/11 - 9:29am

Author: rpg123

Location: Sydney, NSW

How funny!!!! I love how this guy refers to McCartney as his "law partner". It is well within the law to establish, comment upon, and publish publicly what is already in the public domain. I have done some searches too and this guy seems like a real winner. The piggery article is the best, how does this guy manage to remain a lawyer? Surely he's lost his right to practice? I pissed myself reading this guy's email to Ozripoff. It's as if he thought a poorly written terse EMAIL would compel this site to remove the entry. Whilst not illegal to threaten legal action via email it does however, do untold damage to your reputation as a sort-of-intelligent human being to defend the indefensible. I do not believe this guy is an actual lawyer, I mean COME ON!. Time to do some searches on Simmons and see if he warrants inclusion in this site as I sit here asking myself why this guy would be so insane as to be partners with this McCartney douche. The answer would be quite possibly because he is just as scummy as his "law partner".

### [Consumer Comment from rpg123](#)

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12/04/11 - 10:56am

Author: rpg123

Location: Sydney, NSW

<http://www.sm-lawyers.com.au/index.html> Just for anyone considering using him. This is his "law firm" website.

### [Author Comment from McCutcheon](#)

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12/04/11 - 4:59pm  
Author: McCutcheon  
Location: Australia

Mmmmm sounds like this lawyer needs a decent lawyer.

**[Author Comment from ORO Moderator E](#)**

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12/04/11 - 6:09pm  
Author: ORO Moderator E  
Location: Australia

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authorisation: yes

Post\_Title: Lawyer cum property developer

Post\_Date: 17.11.2010

Years\_Trading: 20

Basis: In 1999 I was asked to act as a non-executive director for Elm Financial Services, a fund manager. Elm and its dirertors were known to me via other clients of mine. I did not act as their corporate solicitor not did I give financial advice. Elm went out of business in 2002 owing money to clients

Person\_Responsible: Clients of Elm Financial Services or agents of Elm Financial Services

Person\_Responsible\_Contact: Orange NSW

Reason\_Maligned: To pass blame for their misfortunes on anyone connected with Elm Financial Services no matter in what capacity

Verifying\_Companies: Ronald Jeffrey Caines

Loss\_Value: not known

Initial\_Evidence: Investors chose Elm Financial Services after their own due diligence. No investor was approached at any timy by myslef. I have never purported to be a financial advisor. I was not the legal counsel for Elm Financial Services. I was invited to act as a non-executive director by Dennis Terracini, CEO of Elm Financial Services.

**[Author Comment from ORO Moderator E](#)**[Hide Comment](#)

12/04/11 - 6:31pm  
Author: ORO Moderator E  
Location: Australia

Name: Andrew Simmons

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Email: andrew@sm-lawyers.com.au

Comments: I contacted you last week in regard to report # OZ-RIP-101618. It concerns highly derogatory remarks made about my business associaite Grant McCartney. Can you please advise by return whether you are going to remove the offending article.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Simmons

Simmons & McCartney Lawyers

**[Consumer Comment from Brown](#)**[Hide Comment](#)

13/04/11 - 12:06am  
Author: Brown  
Location: National, NAT

Mr Simmons after reading all of the documents available on various sites through google it would seem that your business associate is a piece of work. I had to go and have a shower to get clean particularly after reading not only the Elm mess that he was involved in but omg the stamp duty fraud. Who do you think you are to attempt to distance Mr McCartney from responsibility. Consumers do read bozo and I always check on lawyers and accountants before I use them. He needs to clean up his act or don't hang the shingle. Your explanation of why the comment should be removed is absolutely not what I found to be correct through reading. I don't think your helping yourself or him. You have now put Oz Rip off at the top of the google search on Grant McCartney. Then comes Elm and then the Stamp duty fraud. What's next. People beware.

**[Author Comment from Karel Homberger](#)**[Hide Comment](#)

13/04/11 - 12:26am  
Author: Karel Homberger  
Location: Australia

Interesting--- I work for another firm and it appears that this would have been better let go through to the keeper.

Some of my learned friends have trouble making a living from the law. In this case it is easy to see why.

**[Author Comment from Barrister H](#)**[Hide Comment](#)

13/04/11 - 12:51am  
Author: Barrister H  
Location: Australia

Ha ha ha, now it all becomes clear--- not only is this fraudulent "lawyer" a Kiwi ---hes an advocate of GAYLAWNET:

[http://www.gaylawnet.com/attorneys/au\\_nsw\\_am.htm#darlinghurst](http://www.gaylawnet.com/attorneys/au_nsw_am.htm#darlinghurst)

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Never trust a Kiwi Lawyer and if he's a faggot Kiwi Lawyer? Well, what more need I say?

### [Author Comment from Eon West](#)

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13/04/11 - 12:58am  
Author: Eon West  
Location: Australia

I doubt if his sexual orientation implies his ability as a Lawyer.

But who would want a Lawyer who has been banned as a Director of any Company for reasons of fraud?

The Australian Investments and Securities Commission(ASIC) has obtained compliance and asset preservation orders from the Supreme Court of New South Wales against Elm Financial Services Pty Ltd and its directors.

The orders, which were made by consent, prohibit directors Dennis Howell Terracini, Andrew Dennis Terracini and Duncan Grant McCartney from dealing with funds received from investors and assets acquired in six investment schemes.

In the ongoing investigation, ASIC alleges that investors' funds were used by Elm or by companies associated with Elm for property developments and other purposes.

ASIC also claims that advisers of Elm breached the Corporations Act by recommending these schemes to investors, who had limited investment experience.  
etc

### [Author Comment from IC](#)

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13/04/11 - 1:13am  
Author: IC  
Location: Australia

Directory of Gay and Lesbian Attorneys Barristers Lawyers ... Grant McCartney. 95/1 Pelican Street, Surry Hills. PO Box 1071 [Mailing] T: +61 (0)2 9280 1300 ...

There you go! Seems like he has more than one appendage in the pie.

### [Consumer Comment from Brown](#)

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13/04/11 - 3:51am

Author: Brown

Location: National, NAT

E Star Developments Refern Pty Ltd E Star Developments Surry Hills Pty Ltd Fletcher Securities Elm (Had to many associated branches to list) Company to cover a company to cover a company. The list was too long to mention. But to be expected and guess who's name is right in there. ASIC Stated "None of the schemes had disclosure documents registered with ASIC. ASIC alleges that advisers of Elm breached the Corporations Act by recommending these schemes to investors, who had limited investment experience. Approximately \$20 million dollars was raised from retirees and other investors." It goes on and on. So we are all to believe according to Mr Simmons that Mr Cairen took all the investors money and that the clients who invested money (Retirees)were responsible for their losses and the failure of the big deal. Strange that the company invested their money in company name and not investors name. Your a dangerous pair of idiots. Mr McCartney you should get plenty of clients for your law firm from all the wrong places .Then again your attempt to commit stamp duty fraud didn't go so well.

### [Consumer Comment from rpg123](#)

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13/04/11 - 4:44am

Author: rpg123

Location: Sydney, NSW

The guy is obviously a disgrace and people should obviously be given proper warning . However, bringing his sexuality into the mix is a little below the belt. Gay straight or a eunuch, the guy is professionally filthy.

### [Consumer Comment from Howard](#)

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13/04/11 - 5:32am

Author: Howard

Location: Sydney, NSW

I would like to say that you give lawyers a bad name. You are morally bankrupt. I don't know why you are not struck off after the stamp duty fraud. You are unbelievable. By the way your website doesn't have any substance. It's like an A4 piece of paper mate. A real experience. One click and it's over. What's that motto you go by. Ah yes" "Simmons & McCartney Lawyers & Attorneys demand nothing but the best in their drive to deliver the best results for its clients" and this 'never settle for anything less than the best' and this "At Simmons & McCartney Lawyers & Attorneys, you can be assured that your business interests are in the safest of hands" Are you kidding.

### [Consumer Comment from HeardIt](#)

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19/06/11 - 7:43am

Author: HeardIt

Location: International, INT

I'm curious; did they start a legal action? I'm assuming not as the post is still visable. I've had dealings with

this guy, and I'm not impressed.

## [Consumer Comment from Simon W](#)

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27/06/11 - 8:22pm

Author: Simon W

Location: Sydney, NSW

Here you are. I am not shocked. A bit of good old fashioned Karma has dealt you a sad and sorry blow. If the law society weren't such toothless tigers you would be struck off. You are a deceptive individual. How on earth are you still practicing. You are a real little hermit crab. A lifetime of pain if you deal with this parasite. Google is forever. Slip and slide out of this. Of course there is no action because it's true. You haven't paid for half your sins you pest.

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