

# Supreme Court Orders Sale of Unit for Levy Payments!

Owners Corporations and strata managers in NSW sometimes wonder how they can recover [outstanding strata levies](#) from owners of strata units who have disappeared and are nowhere to be found. Well, do not be disillusioned.

Muellers has now given hope to owners corporations and strata managers and has proved the naysayers wrong acting in what has been widely reported as the first ever sale of a strata unit by the NSW Sheriff.

In the [recent case](#) of *The Owners-Strata Plan No. 7396 -v- Siak Hong law* (unreported), in which Muellers acted for the successful owners corporation, the Supreme Court of NSW ordered that documents be served on a unit owner who was unable to be found, via substituted service orders.

More importantly, the Supreme Court also ordered the NSW Sheriff to sell the owner's unit by a certain date to ensure the sale of the unit and recovery of overdue levies was not delayed.

This case shows that overdue levies can be recovered from an errant unit owner and that it is possible to force the Sheriff to sell a strata unit to ensure that overdue levies are paid to an owners corporation.

The outcome we achieved in the case was the result of much hard work, sheer determination and a never say die attitude to demonstrate that even in the most difficult cases it is possible for overdue levies to be recovered.

Setting a precedent, the case was also picked up by mainstream media:

- [Sale of apartment owned by monk who disappeared overseas sets legal precedent](#)
- [Merry chase for mystery Malaysian monk who renounced his 'worldly possessions'](#)

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