

Shazia Amtul Aleem Bhatti Solicitor 339322

This individual changed their surname from Rasheed on 19 December 2005

Prosecution Date: 27 May 2025

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 27 May 2025

Published date: 3 December 2025

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

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Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Reasons/basis

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which will reach its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Solicitor. The Tribunal has certified that there is a case to answer in respect of allegations which are or include that:-

- 1. On 8 November 2021, in an application to appeal an immigration decision of the Home Office concerning her Client, Mrs Bhatti stated that another firm for which she acted as a consultant, represented her client when she knew or ought to have known that was not accurate.
- 2. On 8 November 2021, Mrs Bhatti provided to the Home Office an explanation for the late submission of her Client's Appeal Application which she knew or ought to have known was not accurate.
- 3. On 9 November 2021, in response to a request for the application fee due in relation to the Appeal Application to be paid, Mrs Bhatti provided information about her Client's representation and funding which she knew or ought to have known was not accurate.

The allegations are subject to a Hearing before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and are as yet unproven.

Control of practice Date: 12 August 2025

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 12 August 2025

Published date: 16 September 2025

Firm details

Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Finsbury Law Solicitors Limited

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Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Shazia Bhatti's practising certificate for 2024/2025 is subject to the following interim conditions:

1. Mrs Bhatti may act as a solicitor only as an employee and only where the employment has first been approved by the SRA.

- 2. Mrs Bhatti shall not act as a manager or owner of any authorised body, authorised non-SRA firm or legal services body.
- 3. Mrs Bhatti is not to be a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body, or head of legal practice (HOLP) or head of finance and administration (HOFA) for any authorised body.
- 4. Mrs Bhatti shall not provide reserved or unreserved legal services on her own account under regulations 10.2(a) or (b) of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations.

In these conditions the terms are as defined in the SRA Glossary.

Reasons/basis

The above interim conditions are made under rule 3.2 of the SRA Regulatory and Disciplinary Procedure Rules, which states that at any stage an authorised decision maker may, pending a final decision by the SRA or the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal, impose interim conditions on the practising certificate of a solicitor. We are satisfied that these conditions are necessary in the public interest or for the protection of the public.

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