

David Coleman Employee 7011553

Employee-related decision Date: 18 March 2022

Decision - Employee-related decision

Outcome: Control of non-qualified staff (Section 43 / Section 99 order)

Outcome date: 18 March 2022

Published date: 30 March 2022

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Rooks Rider Solicitors LLP

Address(es): Central Point, 45 Beech Street, London, EC2Y 8AD

Firm ID: 559363

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Pursuant to section 43 that with effect from the date of the letter or email notifying Mr David Coleman (Mr Coleman) of this decision:

- i. no solicitor shall employ or remunerate him in connection with his/her practice as a solicitor;
- ii. no employee of a solicitor shall employ or remunerate him in connection with the solicitor's practice;
- iii. no recognised body shall employ or remunerate him; (iv) no manager or employee of a recognised body shall employ or remunerate him in connection with the business of that body;
- iv. no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall permit him to be a manager of the body; and
- v. no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall permit him to have an interest in the body

except in accordance with the SRA's prior written permission.

Reasons/basis

Between 1996 and 21 May 2020, Mr Coleman worked as a conveyancing assistant at Rooks Rider Solicitors LLP whose office is at St. Magnus House, 3 Lower Thames Street, London, EC3R 6HD, England. The firm dismissed him for gross misconduct on 21 May 2020.

It was found that on 10 August 2019 Mr Coleman told a lender client that he had sent certain documents to it on 20 November 2018 when he knew he had not. He amended the date on an email originally dated 1 August 2019 to support the statement that he had made.

It was found that Mr Coleman's conduct was dishonest

Mr Coleman was ordered to pay the SRA's costs of £600 in investigating this matter.

Other information

Mr Coleman, who is not a solicitor, is or was involved in a legal practice and has occasioned or been a party to an act or default which involved such conduct on his part that it is undesirable for him to be involved in a legal practice in any of the ways described in the order below.

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