

Alastair James Melville Employee 617205

Employee-related decision Date: 9 March 2021

Decision - Employee-related decision

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

Outcome date: 9 March 2021

Published date: 10 June 2021

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Taylor Rose TTKW Limited

Address(es): 13 - 15 Moorgate London EC2R 6AD

Firm ID: 623604

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Mr Melville was made subject to a disqualification order pursuant to section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007. This order prevents him from holding any of the following roles in a licensed body:

- Head of Legal Practice.
- · Head of Finance and Administration.
- A manager
- An employee.

He was also directed to pay costs of £1,350.

Reasons/basis

Alastair James Melville, who is not a solicitor, was employed by Taylor Rose TTKW Limited whose head office is at 58 Borough High Street, London between 1 September 2013 and 11 October 2019 when he was dismissed.

It was found that:

- On 15 September 2017, Mr Melville caused a withdrawal of client money in the sum of £17,125 for a purpose which was unconnected to that client matter. He therefore breached Principles 2, 6 and 10 of the SRA Principles 2011 and Rules 1.2 (c) and 20.1 (f) of the SRA Accounts Rules 2011.
- 2. On 23 May 2019, Mr Melville caused a withdrawal of client money in the sum of £10,000 for a purpose which was unconnected to that client matter. He therefore breached Principles 2, 6 and 10 of the SRA Principles 2011 and Rules 1.2 (c) and 20.1 (f) of the SRA Accounts Rules 2011.
- 3. On 22 May 2019, Mr Melville made untrue statements to a client via email. In doing so he acted dishonestly and breached Principles 2 and 6 of the SRA Principles 2011.
- 4. Between 1 August 2018 and 22 August 2019, Mr Melville falsely held out, to clients, third parties and the firm, that he was a qualified solicitor. He therefore breached Principle 7 of the SRA Principles 2011.

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