

Richard Higham Solicitor 131329

Employee-related decision Date: 27 December 2016

Decision - Employee-related decision

Outcome: Approval of employment (section 41)

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Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

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Firm or organisation at date of publication

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Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Hill and Company Solicitors have been granted permission under Section 41 of the Solicitors Act 1974 to employ Mr Richard Cleveland Higham, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Mr Higham's work is limited to conveyancing work.
- 2. Mr Higham does not hold, receive or have access to client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account, or have the power to authorise electronic transfers from any client or office account.

- 3. Mr Higham is not to hold himself out as a solicitor. Mr Higham's status as a non-solicitor must be made clear to clients.
- 4. Mr Higham shall not supervise any other employee at Hill and Company Solicitors.
- 5. The SRA is immediately informed of any proposed variation in Mr Higham's duties or his supervision arrangements, prior to any such variation.
- 6. This approval and the conditions attached to it are subject to review at the absolute discretion of the SRA.

For definitions, please refer to the defined terms set out in the SRA Handbook Glossary 2012.

Reasons/basis

Mr Higham was struck off the roll of solicitors on 15 August 1990. In accordance with Section 41 of the Solicitors Act 1974, any solicitor wishing to employ or remunerate him in connection with their practise as a solicitor must obtain the SRA's approval. The SRA is satisfied that the above employment will not put public confidence in the administration of justice and the provision of legal services or the interests of clients at risk.

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