

Rachel Bingley-Wakefield

Employee

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Decision - Employee-related decision

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

Outcome date: 5 November 2025

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Firm details

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

Name: Chattertons Legal Services Limied

Address(es): 5 South Street, Horncastle, LN9 6DS

Firm ID: 631531

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Who does this decision relate to?

Rachel Bingley-Wakefield, who is not a solicitor, was employed by Chattertons Legal Services Limited whose head office is at 5 South Street, Horncastle, LN9 6DS between 14 September 2020 and 31 July 2024.

Summary of decision

A finding of dishonesty was made against Ms Bingley-Wakefield, and she was made subject to a disqualification order under section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007.

The SRA has disqualified Ms Bingley-Wakefield from holding any of the following roles in law firms regulated by the SRA:

- Head of Legal Practice



- Head of Finance and Administration
- A manager
- An employee

The facts of the case

On or around 15 December 2022, Ms Bingley-Wakefield electronically copied her clients' signatures from a deed onto two other documents in a conveyancing transaction (namely a contract for the purchase of land and a plan attached to a TP1 transfer). She did so without the knowledge or consent of the relevant clients.

Our decision on sanction

Ms Bingley-Wakefield's conduct breached relevant duties that applied to her as an employee of the firm, namely, Principles 2, 4 and 5 of the SRA Principles 2019.

It was found that it would be undesirable for Ms Bingley-Wakefield to act as a Head of Legal Practice, Head of Finance and Administration, a manager or an employee of a body licensed in accordance with section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007.

Ms Bingley-Wakefield was disqualified from holding any of these roles.

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

SRA Principles 2019

Principle 2 - You act in a way that upholds public trust and confidence in the solicitors' profession and in legal services provided by authorised persons.

Principle 4 - You act with honesty

Principle 5 - You act with integrity

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