

# **Anbananden Sooben Solicitor 319746**

**Prosecution Date: 31 August 2024** 

# **Decision - Prosecution**

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 31 August 2024

Published date: 11 June 2025

#### Firm details

# Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Duncan Ellis Solicitors

Address(es): Suite 1 Fairland House, 380 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London

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Firm ID: 661060

#### **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### Reasons/basis

# **Outcome of SDT Hearing**

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which reaches its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Respondent. The Tribunal had certified that there was a case to answer.

The matter was heard on 19 & 20 August 2025.

The Tribunal ordered that Mr Sooben be suspended from practice as a solicitor for the period of 9 months to commence on 20 August 2025, he will also be subject to a Restriction Order imposing conditions on practice:-

Mr Sooben shall be subject to conditions on practice imposed by the Tribunal for an indefinite period to commence on 20 May 2026 as



#### follows:

- Mr Sooben:
- may not act as a manager or owner of an authorised body.
- may only act as a solicitor as an employee where the role has first been approved by the SRA.
- may not act as a COLP or COFA for any authorised body.
- may not hold or receive client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account or have the power to authorise transfers from any client or office account.
- shall immediately inform any actual or prospective employer of these conditions and the reason for their imposition.

The SDT judgment will be available at <a href="http://www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk/">www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk/</a>

## **Control of practice Date: 2 October 2024**

# **Decision - Control of practice**

Outcome: Termination of suspension of PC/registration

Outcome date: 2 October 2024

Published date: 8 November 2024

## 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.

#### **Decision details**

The suspension of Mr Sooben's 2023/2024 practising certificate has been terminated subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Mr Sooben may not act as a manager or owner of an authorised body.
- 2. Subject to condition 1, Mr Sooben may act as a solicitor only as an employee where the role has first been approved by the SRA.



- 3. Mr Sooben may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
- 4. Mr Sooben may not hold or receive client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account or have the power to authorise transfers from any client or office account.
- 5. Mr Sooben shall immediately inform any actual or prospective employer of these conditions and the reasons for their imposition.

The following terms are defined in the SRA Glossary: authorised body, client money, client and office account, compliance officer, COLP and COFA employee, manager, owner.

#### Reasons/basis

The SRA publishes regulatory decisions when it considers it to be in the public interest. I consider, in accordance with the SRA's guidance on publishing regulatory and disciplinary decisions, to be transparent and to maintain public confidence in the regulatory system, that it is necessary to publish these conditions. There are no factors which would support a decision not to publish by reference to the guidance.

**Closure Date: 12 February 2024** 

#### **Decision - Closure**

**Outcome: Intervention** 

Outcome date: 12 February 2024

Published date: 14 February 2024

#### Firm details

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

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#### **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### **Decision details**



To intervene into the recognised sole practice of Anbananden Sooben

#### Reasons/basis

- i. There is reason to suspect dishonesty by Mr Sooben in connection with his practice as a solicitor (paragraph 1(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 1-Part I to the Solicitors Act 1974).
- ii. Mr Sooben has failed to comply with the SRA Accounts Rules, The SRA Code of Conduct for Firms, and the SRA Code of Conduct for Solicitors which are rules made under sections 31 and 32 Solicitors Act (paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 1 - Part I to the Solicitors Act 1974).

#### Intervening agents

Chris Evans of Lester Aldridge LLP, Russell House, Oxford Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8EX has been appointed as the intervening agent.

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