

## **Belcher Addison Solicitors Limited (Belcher Addison Solicitors Limited)**

**3 West Street, Emsworth, Hampshire , PO10 7DX**

**Recognised body**

**596629**

**[Fined Date: 16 October 2023](#)**

### **Decision - Fined**

Outcome: Fine

Outcome date: 16 October 2023

Published date: 6 June 2024

### **Firm details**

#### **Firm or organisation at date of publication**

Name: Belcher Addison Solicitors Limited

Address(es): 3 West Street, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7DX

Firm ID: 596629

### **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### **Decision details**

Belcher Addison Solicitors Limited was directed to pay a fixed financial penalty of £750 and costs of £150.

#### **Reasons/basis**

Belcher Addison Solicitors Limited is a recognised body whose office is at 3 West Street, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7DX.

Firms must at all times have in place a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) and a compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA).

A firm must designate a person as its COLP and a person as its COFA and the SRA must approve that person before they commence their role.

The COLP and COFA of a firm have specific responsibility for ensuring a firm, its managers and employees comply with the SRA's regulatory requirements. They are also responsible for recording any breaches and reporting those to the SRA, where necessary.

A firm must promptly notify the SRA if it becomes aware of any material changes to information previously provided to the SRA, by it or on its behalf, including to its compliance officers.

Belcher Addison Solicitors Ltd failed to:

- promptly notify the SRA of a material change to the information it had previously provided to the SRA about its COFA

in breach of paragraph 3.8(a) of the Code of Conduct for Firms.

The firm failed to remedy this breach after being given notice and reasonable time in which to do so.

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