

# Mohamed Raja

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*Employee-related decision Date: 9 October 2019*

## *Decision - Employee-related decision*

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

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## *Firm details*

No detail provided:

## *Outcome details*

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

## *Decision details*

Adjudicator's decision

## *Reasons/basis*

### *ORDER FOR PUBLICATION*

IN THE MATTER OF Mohamed Raja whose last known address was in Walthamstow, London.

A person who was involved in legal practice but is not a solicitor SECTION 43 SOLICITORS ACT 1974 (AS AMENDED)

## *The Facts*

On 28 November 2018, Mr Raja submitted a fraudulent expense claim to his employer, BDB Pitmans LLP. He subsequently altered email correspondence to conceal his actions and then denied any wrongdoing when questioned by the firm. The firm dismissed Mr Raja for gross misconduct on 29 November 2018.

He is not currently employed by an SRA regulated firm.

It was found that Mr Raja's conduct was dishonest and breached SRA Principles 2 and 6.

Mr Raja was made subject to an order pursuant to section 43(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (as amended) and was ordered to pay the SRA's costs

of £600 in investigating this matter.

#### *FINDING*

Mr Raja, who is not a solicitor, was involved in a legal practice and has occasioned or been a party to an act or default which involved such conduct on his part that it is undesirable for him to be involved in a legal practice in any of the ways described in the order below.

#### *ORDER*

##### *Final Decision*

To make an order pursuant to section 43 that with effect from the date of the letter or email notifying Mr Raja of this decision:

- i. no solicitor shall employ or remunerate him in connection with his/her practice as a solicitor;
- ii. no employee of a solicitor shall employ or remunerate him in connection with the solicitor's practice;
- iii. no recognised body shall employ or remunerate him;
- iv. no manager or employee of a recognised body shall employ or remunerate him in connection with the business of that body;
- v. no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall permit him to be a manager of the body; and
- vi. no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall permit him to have an interest in the body

except in accordance with a Society permission.

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