

Lynda Jane Slaughter  
Non-lawyer manager  
639827

*Fined Date: 15 April 2021*

***Decision - Fined***

Outcome: Fine

Outcome date: 15 April 2021

Published date: 14 April 2022

***Firm details***

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

Name: LA Law Limited

Address(es): Formerly of 8th Floor Telecom House, 125-135 Preston Road,  
Brighton East Sussex BN1 6AF.

Firm ID: 596802

***Outcome details***

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

***Decision details***

Decision by an Adjudicator.

Financial penalty - £9,750

Costs - £1,875

Disqualified under S.99.

***Reasons/basis***

Lynda Slaughter, who is not a solicitor, was Head of Finance and Administration (HOFA) at LA Law Limited whose head office was at 8th Floor Telecom House, 125- 135 Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6AF between 10 August 2017 and 20 December 2017, when the firm closed.

It was found that:



1. LA Law Limited, of which Ms Slaughter was the HOFA, received monies for the purpose of discharging professional disbursements, and failed to either pay those disbursements to the appropriate recipients and/or, in the absence of such payments, transfer the monies from the office account to the client account. By doing so Ms Slaughter:
  - a. breached Principle 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the SRA Principles 2011 and
  - b. breached rule 1.2, 14.1, 17.(1)(b)(ii), 17(1)(c) of the SRA Accounts Rules 2011.
2. Ms Slaughter failed adequately to carry out her role as a HOFA and in doing so breached Section 92 of the Legal Services Act 2007.
3. Ms Slaughter was made subject to a disqualification order under section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007. This order prevents her from holding any of the following roles in a licensed body:
  1. Head of Legal Practice
  2. Head of Finance and Administration
  3. A manager
  4. An employee.
4. Ms Slaughter was directed to pay a financial penalty of £9,750 and costs of £1,875.

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