

Catherine McNicholas (nee  
Pasco)  
Employee  
818771

*Employee-related decision Date: 20 September 2021*

*Decision - Employee-related decision*

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

Outcome date: 20 September 2021

Published date: 22 September 2021

*Firm details*

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

Name: Fairbrother & Darlow

Address(es): 13 Milbanke Court, Milbanke Way, Bracknell, RG12 1RP

Firm ID: 265043

**Firm or organisation at date of publication**

Name: Charles Platel & Partners (Solicitors) Limited (CP Law Limited)

Address(es): 2 Anvil Court, 50 Denmark Street, Wokingham, RG40 2BB

Firm ID: 192187

*Outcome details*

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

*Decision details*

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**

IN THE MATTER OF: Catherine McNicholas (nee Pasco) of Eversley Hampshire A person who was involved in a legal practice but is not a solicitor.

**THE FACTS**

Between 2007 and January 2021 Ms McNicholas was employed as a conveyancing assistant by Fairbrother & Darlow, whose office is at 13 Milbanke Court, Milbanke Way, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1RP.

It was found that Ms McNicholas fabricated three letters purportedly from the firm along with an invoice for £720. These contained false and misleading information and were used in connection with a legal dispute between a family member and a third party. The letters and invoice were provided to the third party and the court.

It was found that Ms McNicholas' conduct was dishonest.

Ms McNicholas was ordered to pay the SRA's costs of £600 in investigating this matter.

#### *FINDING*

Ms McNicholas, 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 her part that it is undesirable for her to be involved in a legal practice in any of the ways described in the order below.

#### *ORDER*

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

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

except in accordance with the SRA's prior written permission.

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