

# Simon Graham

## Employee

### 659403

*Employee-related decision Date: 3 April 2020*

#### *Decision - Employee-related decision*

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

Outcome date: 3 April 2020

Published date: 11 May 2020

#### *Firm details*

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

Name: Carpenters Limited

Address(es): Leonard House, Scotts Quays, Birkenhead, CH41 1FB

Firm ID: 625845

#### *Outcome details*

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### *Decision details*

IN THE MATTER OF Simon Graham

Between 18 July 2016 and 23 August 2018, Simon Graham, who is not a solicitor, was employed as a legal adviser by Carpenters Limited, whose registered address is: Leonard House, Scotts Quays, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 1FB.

It was found that Mr Graham created a false email and attached it to a witness statement he had prepared. He did this knowing that the email was not genuine and had not been sent. His witness statement was then sent to the court and his opponent in litigation.

It was found that the above conduct breached SRA Principles 1, 2 and 6 of the SRA Principles 2011 and failed to achieve outcome 5.1 of the SRA Code of Conduct 2011.

A finding of dishonesty was made against Mr Graham and he was made subject to a disqualification order pursuant to section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007. This order prevents him from holding any of the following roles in a licensed body:

- Head of Legal Practice.
- Head of Finance and Administration.
- A manager
- An employee.

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