



Graham Hale

Non-lawyer manager

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Employee-related decision Date: 17 January 2022

Decision - Employee-related decision

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

Outcome date: 17 January 2022

Published date: 25 February 2022

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Sampson Coward LLP

Address(es): St. Mary's Chambers, 51 New Street, Salisbury, SP1 2PH

Firm ID: 556060

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE MATTER OF: Graham Hale of Southampton, Hampshire

A person who is or was involved in a legal practice but is not a solicitor

THE FACTS

Between 19 August 2019 and 29 November 2019, Mr Hale worked as a locum residential property caseworker at Sampson Coward Solicitors whose head office is at St Mary's Chambers, 51 New Street, Salisbury, SP1 2PH.

It was found that Mr Hale included information regarding the sale price on a Land Registry transfer deed that he knew was untrue. He did this to avoid the purchaser's liability for SDLT. He advised the seller and purchase to engage in this conduct to avoid paying SDLT that was properly due on the transaction.

It was found that Mr Hale's conduct was dishonest. Mr Hale was ordered to pay the SRA's costs of £600 in investigating this matter.

FINDING

Mr Hale, who is not a solicitor, is or 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

To make an order pursuant to section 43 that with effect from the date of the letter or email notifying Mr Hale 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 the SRA's prior written permission.

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