

Stephen Astin

Solicitor

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Control of practice Date: 13 May 2022

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 13 May 2022

Published date: 20 June 2022

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

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Firm or organisation at date of publication

Name: Smith Sutcliffe

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Firm ID: 55532

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Mr Astin's practising certificate for 2021/2022 has been issued free from conditions.

Reasons/basis

The SRA is satisfied that none of the purposes set out in regulation 7 of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations or the regulatory objectives contained in the Legal Services Act 2007 and the principles governing regulatory activities in section 28 of that Act make it necessary in the interests of the public to impose any practising certificate condition.

Control of practice Date: 3 July 2021

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 3 July 2021

Published date: 29 September 2021

Firm details

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Decision details

Mr Stephen Astin's practising certificate for 2020/2021 is subject to the following conditions:

- i. Mr Astin is not a manager or owner of any authorised body or authorised non-SRA firm.
- ii. Mr Astin does not hold, receive or have access to client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account, or have the power to authorise electronic transfers from any client or office account.
- iii. Mr Astin may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body or authorised non-SRA firm.
- iv. Mr Astin may not practise on his own account under Regulation 10.2(a) and (b) of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations.

In these conditions the definitions are as defined in the SRA Glossary.

Reasons/basis

The above condition is necessary in the public interest and reasonable and proportionate having regard to the purposes set out in Regulation 7 of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations and the regulatory objectives and principles governing regulatory activities as contained in section 28 of the Legal Services Act 2007.

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