

Michael Gaye

Solicitor

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Control of practice Date: 27 February 2024

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 27 February 2024

Published date: 2 April 2024

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Kitson Boyce LLP

Address(es): Minerva House Orchard Way Edginswell Park Torquay TQ2 7FA

Firm ID: 517529

Firm or organisation at date of publication

Name: SWlaw Limited

Address(es): Kingsley Close East Way Lee Mill Ivybridge PL21 9GD

Firm ID: 558154

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Michael Gaye's practising certificate for 2023/2024 is subject to the following conditions:

1. Mr Gaye is not a manager or owner of any authorised body.
2. Subject to the condition above, Mr Gaye may act as a solicitor, only as an employee, where the role has first been approved by us, aside from in connection with his engagement as a consultant with SWlaw Limited (SRA number 558154).



3. Mr Gaye may not practise on his own account under regulation 10.2(a) or (b) of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations.
4. Mr Gaye may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
5. Mr Gaye may not hold or receive client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account or have the power to authorise transfers from any client or office account.
6. Mr Gaye may not give any solicitor undertakings to any third party.

In these conditions, the terms are as defined in the SRA Glossary.

Reasons/basis

The above conditions are necessary in the public interest. They are 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.

Control of practice Date: 26 April 2023

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 26 April 2023

Published date: 26 June 2023

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Kitsons LLP

Address(es): Minerva House, Orchard Way, Edginswell Park, Torquay TQ2 7FA

Firm ID: 517529

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Michael Gaye's practising certificate for 2022/2023 is subject to the following conditions:

1. Mr Gay is not a manager or owner of any authorised body.
2. Subject to the condition above Mr Gaye may act as a solicitor, only as an employee, where the role has first been approved by us, aside from in connection with his engagement as a consultant with SWlaw Limited (SRA number 558154).
3. Mr Gaye may not practise on his own account under Regulation 10.2(a) or (b) of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations.
4. Mr Gaye may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
5. Mr Gaye may not hold or receive client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account or have the power to authorise transfers from any client or office account.
6. Mr Gaye may not give any solicitor undertakings to any third party.

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

Reasons/basis

The above conditions are necessary in the public interest. They are 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.

Control of practice Date: 8 July 2022

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 8 July 2022

Published date: 3 August 2022

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Kitsons LLP

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Firm ID: 517529

Firm or organisation at date of publication

Name: SW Law Solicitors Limited

Address(es): Kingsley Close, East Way, Lee Mill, Ivybridge PL21 9GD

Firm ID: 558154

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Mr Michael Gaye's practising certificate for 2021/2022 is subject to the following conditions:

- Mr Gaye shall not act as a manager or owner of any authorised
- Subject to condition 1 above, Mr Gaye may act as a solicitor, only as an employee where the role has first been approved by us, except for at his current firm SW Law Solicitors Limited.
- Mr Gaye shall not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
- Mr Gaye shall not hold or have responsibility for any client money, be a signatory to any client or office account or have authority to authorise any client or office account transfers.
- Mr Gaye may not provide any solicitor undertakings to any third party.

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

Reasons/basis

The above conditions are 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.

Prosecution Date: 18 March 2021

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 18 March 2021

Published date: 29 September 2021

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Kitsons LLP

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Firm or organisation at date of publication

Name: SW Solicitors Ltd

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Firm ID: 558154

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Reasons/basis

Outcome of SDT Hearing

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which reaches its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Respondent. The Tribunal had certified that there was a case to answer.

On 8 March 2022 the SDT considered and approved an Agreed Outcome.

Mr. Gaye was fined £6,000 and made subject to conditions imposed by the Tribunal as follows:

He may not:

1. act as a sole practitioner or sole manager or sole owner of an authorised or recognised body;
2. Act as Compliance Officer for Legal Practice or Compliance Officer for Finance and Administration for any authorised or recognised body;
3. hold client money

4. be a signatory on any client account;
5. Provide legal services as an employed or freelance and/or consultant solicitor offering reserved or unreserved services under regulations 10.2 (a) or (b) of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations aside from in connection with his engagement as a consultant with SW Law Solicitors Ltd without express prior approval of the SRA;
6. give any solicitor undertakings to any third party.

There is liberty to either party to apply to the Tribunal to vary the conditions set out above.

The SDT judgment will be available at www.solicitortribunal.org.uk
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