

Paul Josiah Ford

Solicitor

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Control of practice Date: 2 April 2024

Decision - Control of practice

Outcome: Termination of suspension of PC/registration

Outcome date: 2 April 2024

Published date: 10 April 2024

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Cheshire Law Associates (UK) Ltd

Address(es): 56 Market Street, Wirral, CH47 3BQ

Firm ID: 569010

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

The suspension, of Mr Paul Ford's practising certificate for 2023/2024, imposed following intervention, is terminated subject to the following conditions:

1. Mr Ford is not a manager or owner of any authorised body.
2. Subject to condition 1, Mr Ford may act as a solicitor only as an employee and only where that employment has first been approved by the SRA.
3. Mr Ford may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or a compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
4. Mr Ford does 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.

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.

Closure Date: 22 December 2023

Decision - Closure

Outcome: Intervention

Outcome date: 22 December 2023

Published date: 22 December 2023

Firm details

Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Cheshire Law Associates (UK) Ltd

Address(es): 56 Market Street, Wirral, CH47 3BQ

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Outcome details

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Decision details

To intervene into the practice of Paul Josiah Ford at Cheshire Law Associates (UK) Ltd.

Reasons/basis

- There is reason to suspect dishonesty by Mr Ford in connection with his practice as a solicitor (paragraph 1(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 1 – Part I to the Solicitors Act 1974).
- Mr Ford has failed to comply with rules (paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 1– Part I to the Solicitors Act 1974).

Intervening agents

Sean Joyce of Stephenson's LLP, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, Greater Manchester, WN3 5BA has been appointed as the intervening agent.

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