

Oliver Wellock

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Decision - Employee-related decision

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

Outcome date: 2 September 2020

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Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: JWK Legal Group Limited

Address(es): 5 Thurnham Street, Lancaster LLA1 1XU

Firm ID: 567161

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

IN THE MATTER OF:

Oliver James Wellock a person who is or was involved in a legal practice but is not a solicitor.

THE FACTS

Oliver Wellock of Morecombe, Lancashire was employed as a paralegal at JWK Solicitors, 5 Thurnham Street, Lancaster LLA1 1XU from June 2000 to September 2018. He stole £93,466.81 from the firm between 1 November 2014 and 31 August 2018.

On 25 February 2020 Oliver Wellock was convicted of 'theft by employee' and on 2 June 2020 he was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and ordered to pay a statutory surcharge of £100.

Oliver Wellock was found to have acted dishonestly and made subject to an order under section 43 Solicitors Act 1974. He was ordered to pay

costs of £600.

FINDING

Oliver Wellock, who is not a solicitor, was involved in a legal practice and has been convicted of a criminal offence which is such 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 in relation to Oliver Wellock that:

- 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 permission.

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