

# **Dean Stephen Peter Cowley**

## **Employee**

### **809497**

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### **Decision - Employee-related decision**

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

Outcome date: 5 August 2021

Published date: 10 August 2021

### **Firm details**

#### **Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome**

Name: Samuels Law

Address(es): Suite 710 Cotton Exchange, Bixteth Street, Liverpool L3 9LQ

Firm ID: 535265

### **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### **Decision details**

IN THE MATTER OF: Dean Stephen Peter Cowley of Liverpool

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

#### **THE FACTS**

Mr Cowley was employed as a legal cashier by Samuels Law (the firm), whose head office is at Suite 710 Cotton Exchange, Bixteth Street, Liverpool, L3 9LQ. The firm, which is a recognised sole practice, dismissed Mr Cowley for gross misconduct on 15 July 2020. It was found that Mr Cowley fraudulently signed nine cheques in order to misappropriate £22,431.78 from the firm's client account over the period 21 December 2018 to 10 January 2020.

#### **FINDING**

Mr Cowley, who is not a solicitor, 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 Dean Stephen Peter Cowley of Liverpool 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 permission.

Mr Cowley was ordered to pay the SRA's costs of £600.

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