

# **Christopher Kelvin Dutertre**

## **Employee**

### **499818**

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

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

Outcome date: 24 October 2016

Published date: 2 November 2016

## **Firm details**

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

Name: Blake Morgan LLP (formerly Blake Laphorn LLP)

Address(es): Harbour Court, Compass Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 4ST

Firm ID: 613715

## **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

### **Reasons/basis**

### **The facts**

Mr Christophe Kelvin Du Tertre, a person who is not a solicitor, was employed by Blake Laphorn as a fee earner in the firm's French Private Assets and Tax Team. During the course of his employment he was found to have misappropriated £3,562.19 of client money between 2010 and 2011. He left firm between July 2013 and October 2014.

Mr Du Tertre was ordered to pay £600 in costs and was made the subject of an order pursuant to Section 43(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974.

## **Finding**

Mr Du Tertre was involved in a legal practice (as defined by section 43(1A) of the Solicitors Act 1974) but not as a solicitor and has occasioned or been a party to an act or default which involved such

conduct on his part that in the opinion of the Society it would be 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(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974 that with effect from the date of the letter or email notifying Mr Du Tertre 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 a Society permission.

This order is subject to an internal right of appeal and a statutory right of review to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal.

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