

Talha Ahmad Solicitor 549140

Prosecution Date: 29 April 2024

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 29 April 2024

Published date: 24 February 2025

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: A & T Legal Ltd - Intervened 12/07/24

Address(es): Office 1, Church Lane Chambers, 11-12 Church Lane,

London E11 1HG

Firm ID: 654548

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

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.

The matter was heard on 25 March 2025.

The Tribunal ordered that Mr Ahmad:

- 1. Be suspended from practice as a Solicitor for the period of 6 months, to commence on 25 March 2025.
- 2. Pay costs fixed in the sum of £24,735.55
- 3. Upon the expiry of the fixed term of suspension referred to above, be subject to conditions imposed indefinitely by the Tribunal as



follows - The Respondent may not:

- a. Practise as a sole practitioner or sole manager or sole owner of an authorised or recognised body; or as a freelance solicitor; or as a solicitor in an unregulated organisation.
- b. Be a partner or member of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), Legal Disciplinary Practice (LDP) or Alternative Business Structure (ABS) or other authorised or recognised body. Be a Head of Legal Practice / Compliance Officer for Legal Practice or a Head of Finance and Administration/Compliance Office for Finance and Administration.

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

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

Fined Date: 14 July 2022

Decision - Fined

Outcome: Fine

Outcome date: 14 July 2022

Published date: 11 October 2022

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: A&T Legal Limited

Address(es): Old Poplar Library, 45 Gillender Street, London E14 6RN

Firm ID: 654548

Outcome details

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Decision details

Talha Jamil Ahmad is a solicitor and practises as the recognised sole practice A&T Legal Limited t/a LeasideLaw Solicitors whose head office is at Old Poplar Library, 45 Gillender Street, London E14 6RN.

It was found that Mr Ahmad:

- 1. From 17 November 2020 to date has failed to cooperate with an investigation by the SRA in relation to a complaint by another firm of solicitors and in doing so has breached:
 - principle 2 of the SRA Principles 2019 and
 - paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4 of the SRA Code of Conduct for Solicitors, RFI s and RFI s.
- 2. From 2 March 2022 to date has failed to cooperate with an investigation by the SRA in relation to a complaint made by a set of barristers chambers and in doing so has breached:
 - principle 2 of the SRA Principles 2019 and
 - paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4 of the SRA Code of Conduct for Solicitors, RELs and RFLs.

Mr Ahmad was issued with a £2,000 financial penalty and was ordered to pay the SRA's costs of £600 in investigating this matter.

SRA Principle 2

You act in a way that upholds public trust and confidence in the solicitors' profession and in legal services provided by authorised persons.

Paragraph 7.3

You cooperate with the SRA, other regulators, ombudsmen, and those bodies with a role overseeing and supervising the delivery of, or investigating concerns in relation to, legal services.

Paragraph 7.4

You respond promptly to the SRA and:

- a. provide full and accurate explanations, information and documentation in response to any requests or requirements; and
- ensure that relevant information, which is held by you, or by third parties carrying out functions on your behalf which are critical to the delivery of your legal services, is available for inspection by the SRA.

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