

Matthew Senior

Employee

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Decision - Employee-related decision

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

Outcome date: 25 July 2025

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Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Jordans Solicitors (Yorkshire)

Address(es): Unity Hall, Smyth Street, Wakefield, WF1 1ED

Firm ID: 661398

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

Who does this decision relate to?

Matthew Senior whose last known address was in West Yorkshire.

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

Summary of decision

The SRA has put restrictions on where and how Mr Senior can work in an SRA regulated firm. It was found that:

Mr Senior, 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.

The facts of the case



Mr Senior commenced the BPP Legal Apprentice course on 19 September 2022, with Jordans Solicitors Yorkshire Limited. The apprenticeship involved Mr Senior submitting work to BPP University electronically via a learning portal, to evidence his learning.

It is alleged that on 24 March 2024, Mr Senior uploaded two Legal Apprenticeship Portfolio Evidence Cover Sheets to the BPP learning portal, which contained falsified signatures of his supervisor Ms Catherine Jane Matthews.

Decision on outcome

An order pursuant to section 43(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974 was imposed as Mr Senior's conduct meant that it was undesirable for him to be involved in a legal practice without the SRA's prior approval.

The order pursuant to section 43 was made with effect from the date of the letter or email notifying Mr Senior of this decision.

Mr Senior's conduct was serious because it was found to be dishonest.

Mr Senior was also ordered to pay a proportion of the SRA's costs of £600.

What our Section 43 order means

- 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 prior written permission.

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