

Mark Grenville Davies

Solicitor

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[Prosecution Date: 6 March 2025](#)

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 6 March 2025

Published date: 3 July 2025

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Bennett Richmond Solicitors

Address(es): 33 Front Street, Consett DH8 5AB

Firm ID: 662863

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Reasons/basis

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which will reach its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Solicitor. The Tribunal has certified that there is a case to answer in respect of allegations which are or include that:-

1. Between approximately 17 January 2022 and 12 May 2023, he made or allowed to be made improper withdrawals across 38 invoices from 10 client matters, resulting in a minimum shortage on the firm's client account.
2. Failed to replace the minimum shortage outlined at allegation 1 promptly, or at all.
3. Between October 2012 and July 2022, on five probate matters, failed to notify the executors of costs prior to transferring funds, or at all.
4. Between approximately 31 December 2015 and 28 April 2023, caused or allowed the firm to overcharge the estates of two individuals (deceased), of which he was an executor.

The allegations are subject to a Hearing before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and are as yet unproven.

Closure Date: 13 June 2023

Decision - Closure

Outcome: Intervention

Outcome date: 13 June 2023

Published date: 14 June 2023

Firm details

Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Bennett Richmond

Address(es): 33 Front Street, Consett, DH8 5AB

Firm ID: 662863

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

To intervene into the practice of Mark Davies at Bennett Richmond.

Reasons/basis

1. The panel is satisfied that it is necessary to intervene to protect the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of Mr Davies (paragraph 1(1)(m) of Schedule 1 to the Solicitors Act 1974 (as amended)), and;
2. The panel is satisfied there is reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of Mr Davies in connection with his practice at the firm (paragraph 1(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 1 to the Solicitors Act 1974 (as amended))

Intervening agents

John Owen of Gordons LLP, 1 New Augustus Street, Bradford, BD1 5LL has been appointed as the intervening agent.

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