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Member reprimanded

On 19 March 2020, the Consent Order Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member Mr Simon David Wilkinson from Littlehampton, West Sussex, UK

Allegation 1

On 13 February 2018 Mr Simon David Wilkinson, an ACCA member and director of Reeves Wilkinson Limited, signed an auditors' report in relation to Client A when Reeves Wilkinson Limited did not hold an auditing certificate issued by ACCA, contrary to Global Practising Regulation 2(1) (Annex 1, Appendix 1) (as applicable in 2018).

Allegation 2

Between 1 January 2019 and 10 September 2019 Mr Simon David Wilkinson, an ACCA member in public practice and a director of Reeves Wilkinson Limited failed to disclose to clients of Reeves Wilkinson Limited the amounts and terms of commissions it had received from independent financial advisers; contrary to section 310.17 (a) of ACCA's Code of Ethics & Conduct (as applicable in 2019).

Allegation 3

Between 1 January 2018 and 5 December 2019 Mr Simon David Wilkinson was a director of Reeves Wilkinson Limited t/a Botting & Co a firm holding out on its website as being available to accept audit work/appointments in circumstances Where Reeves Wilkinson Limited did not hold a firm's auditing certificate issued by ACCA, contrary to Global Practising Regulation 2(1) (Annex 1, Appendix 1) (as applicable in 2018-2019).

Allegation 4

By reason of Mr Simon David Wilkinson's conduct set out at 1, 2 and 3 above, Mr Simon David Wilkinson is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

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The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Wilkinson be reprimanded, and pay costs to ACCA in the sum £1,955.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Chair's finding and orders by way of a press release, as soon as practicable.

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