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News release

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Student reprimanded*

On 21 July 2022 the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a student, Mr Matthew Whitley from Newtownabbey, United Kingdom:

ALLEGATION 1

Mr Matthew Whitley, a student of ACCA:

- a. On 24 November 2016, at Belfast Crown Court, was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm by driving a mechanically propelled vehicle without due care and attention and he was at the time when he was driving unfit to drive through drink or drugs, contrary to article 14 (1)(a) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, offence which is discreditable to the Association or the accountancy profession.
- b. By reason of his conduct in respect of allegation 1(a), Mr Whitley is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bylaw 8 (a) (ix).

ALLEGATION 2

On 23 April 2020, Mr Whitley:

- a. Entered into an individual voluntary arrangement, in accordance with the Insolvency Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991.

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- b. By reason of his conduct in respect of allegation 2 (a), Mr Whitley is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8 (a) (vii)

ALLEGATION 3

Contrary to bye-law 10(b), Mr Whitley failed to promptly bring to ACCA's attention:

- a. His criminal conviction of 24 November 2016 at Belfast Crown Court; and
- b. That he had entered into an individual voluntary arrangement on 23 April 2020.

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Whitley be reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum £635.00.

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

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