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News release

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Member severely reprimanded*

On 27 January 2023, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mr Bryan A C Downs from Keston, Kent, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

On dates between 26 June 2017 to 19 July 2022, Mr Bryan A C Downs, an ACCA Member and the Money Laundering Reporting Officer of B.D. Accountants Limited, failed on behalf of the firm to comply with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 in that he:

- 1.1 had not conducted and documented a firm-wide risk assessment to identify and assess the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to which the Firm was subject, contrary to Regulation 18;
- 1.2 had not established and maintained policies, controls and procedures to mitigate and manage effectively the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing identified in any risk assessment, contrary to Regulation 19;
- 1.3 had not provided formal Anti-Money Laundering training to the Firm's relevant employees, contrary to Regulation 24.

Allegation 2

By reason of the conduct set out in Allegation 1, Mr Bryan A C Downs failed to comply with the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour and Section B2 of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct (Anti-money Laundering) (as applicable from 2017 to 2022.)

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Allegation 3

By reason of his conduct in respect of all of the matters set out at allegations 1 to 2 above, Mr Downs is guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr Downs be severely reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £816.50 and a fine of £3000.

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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