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News release

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Member reprimanded*

On 24 March 2023, the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mr David Paul O Donoghue, Naas, County Kildare, Republic of Ireland:

ALLEGATIONS

Allegation 1

On or about 02 September 2021, Mr O'Donoghue created a fake LinkedIn profile under the name of 'John Murphy' under which he:

- a) incorrectly claimed that he was an Audit Senior at Binder Dijker Otte ('BDO'); and
- b) communicated with a third party stating that he had completed some Professional Accountancy Training ('PAT') subjects when he had not.

Allegation 2

By reason of the matters referred to in Allegation 1 above, Mr O'Donoghue acted contrary to the Fundamental Principle of Professional Behaviour and is guilty of misconduct and liable to disciplinary action pursuant to byelaw 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mr O Donoghue be reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £807.50.

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