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Member reprimanded*

On 20 September 2023 the Consent Orders Chair of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) found proved the following allegations against a member, Mrs Joanne Kathleen Parish, of Helston, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

Mrs Joanne Kathleen Parish breached the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable from 2012 to 2022) by virtue of the following:

- a. Between 26 October 2012 and 31 October 2022, Mrs Parish was a director of Bright Future Accountancy Services Limited, a firm which carried on public practice, without holding a valid ACCA practising certificate, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as applicable from 2012 to 2022).
- b. Between 26 October 2012 and 1 September 2023, Mrs Parish held rights which in effect put her in position of a principal of Bright Future Accountancy Services Limited, a firm which carried on public practice, without holding a valid ACCA practising certificate, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(b) of the Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as applicable from 2012 to 2022).

Allegation 2

- a. Between 20 November 2013 and 5 January 2022, Mrs Parish submitted annual CPD returns to ACCA as further detailed in Schedule 1, in which she declared that she had “not engaged in public practice (as defined by The Chartered Certified Accountants’ Global Practising Regulations 3 and 4) without holding an ACCA practising certificate...”

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- b. Mrs Parish's conduct at allegation 2.a above was reckless in that she did not have sufficient regard to the declaration she gave when she wrongly confirmed that she had not carried on public practice activities without holding an ACCA practising certificate (as per Global Practising Regulations 3 and 4).

Allegation 3

Mrs Parish is guilty of misconduct in respect of the matters set out at allegations 1 and 2 above, pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Consent Orders Chair ordered that Mrs Joanne Kathleen Parish be reprimanded and pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £2,450.

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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