

26 March 2024

Disciplinary Committee ordered Member severely reprimanded*

On 19 March 2024, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Colin Francis Bentall, of Shepperton, United Kingdom.

Allegations

Allegation 1

Mr Colin Francis Bentall (Mr Bentall) being at all material times an ACCA member, breached the Global Practising Regulations (as applicable between 2016 to 2022) by virtue of the following:

- a) Between 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2022 - carried on public practice without a practising certificate, contrary to regulation 3(1)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as applicable between 2016-2022).
- b) Between 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2022 was a partner of Firm A (a firm which carried on public practice) contrary to regulation 3(2)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as applicable between 2016-2022) without holding a practising certificate.

Allegation 2

- a) Between 9 February 2017 to 17 May 2021 Mr Bentall submitted annual CPD returns to ACCA as detailed in Schedule 1 in which he declared or otherwise confirmed that he had not engaged in public practice or words to that effect without holding an ACCA practising certificate

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- b) On or about 11 March 2020 completed and submitted a CPD waiver application form in which he confirmed he held a practising certificate.

Allegation 3

Between 26 June 2017 and 31 January 2022 Mr Bentall provided accountancy services through Company B but failed to register Company B for anti-money laundering purposes in accordance with the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017.

Allegation 4

In light of any or all of the facts set out at Allegations 1 to 3 above, Mr Bentall is:-

- a) Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Bentall be severely reprimanded and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £5000.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

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

** An order made by the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of expiry of the Appeal Period referred to in the Appeal Regulations unless the Committee directs that the order should have immediate effect*

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