

26 March 2026

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09.30am on 28 & 29 April 2026. It will be held remotely but based at the ACCA's Offices, The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU.

The hearing is open to any member of the public or the media who wish to attend. However, ACCA is only able to accommodate remote access to the hearing. Please contact adminadjudication@accaglobal.com to obtain information about attending this (or any other) hearing.

The case to be heard on this day concerns Mr Paul David Buck.

Allegations

Mr Paul Buck, an ACCA member:

1. On or about 28 November 2021, submitted or caused to be submitted to ACCA an ACCA Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Risk Assessment Questionnaire on behalf of Firm A confirming that:
 - (i) He, as the MLRO of Firm A, had conducted and documented a Firmwide Risk Assessment for the firm which was updated on a periodic basis; and
 - (ii) That Firm A had documented AML Policy and Procedures in place which was also updated on a periodic basis.
2. In respect of Allegation 1 above, was dishonest in that knew either or both confirmations were incorrect.
3. In the alternative in respect to the conduct referred to in Allegation 1 above, failed to demonstrate integrity.

4. In the further alternative, the conduct referred to in Allegation 1 was reckless in that Mr Buck paid no or insufficient regard to the need to ensure the information in the AML Risk Assessment Questionnaire was accurately reported to ACCA.
5. Mr Buck, contrary to Section B2 of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct, failed on behalf of Firm A to comply and or demonstrate compliance with the requirements of The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017("MLRs 2017"), namely:
 - (i) Regulation 18 - Risk assessment by relevant persons: Firm-wide risk assessment between 26 June 2017 and 30 November 2022; and
 - (ii) Regulation 19 - Policies, controls, and procedures: AML policy and procedures between 26 June 2017 and 28 February 2023.
6. By reason of any or all of his conduct set out above, Mr Buck is :
 - a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i); or
 - b. In the alternative, liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(iii) in respect of Allegation 5 above.

The allegations listed above are current at the date of publication.

The case will be heard by a panel of the ACCA's Disciplinary Committee.

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