

17 February 2026

Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09.30am on 16 March 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 James Robert Marchant.

Allegations

Mr James Robert Marchant, a member of ACCA:

1. Is or was a designated member and therefore a specified person in relation to Croucher Needham (Essex) LLP, a relevant or former relevant firm, which entered administration on 04 October 2023 by reason of which he is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(vii).
2. Is or was a director and therefore a specified person in relation to Croucher Needham Ltd, a relevant or former relevant firm, which entered liquidation on 08 November 2023 by reason of which he is liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(vii).
3. Is or was a director of Croucher Needham Ltd and/or a designated member of Croucher Needham (Essex) LLP either or both of which:
 - a) Failed to be ready at all times to account for assets, namely clients' monies paid over to Croucher Needham Ltd and/or Croucher Needham (Essex) LLP by clients of Croucher Needham Ltd and/or Croucher Needham (Essex) LLP, to any individuals entitled to that accounting;

- b) Failed to ensure that the sums withdrawn from client bank accounts did not exceed the total of the monies held for the time being in the account of the client concerned;
- c) Failed at all times to maintain accurate records and controls (e.g. by way of reconciliations) so as to show clearly the monies they had received, held, and paid on account of their clients, and the details of any other monies dealt with by them through a client account, clearly distinguishing the monies of each client from the monies of other clients and from the firm's monies;
- d) From 01 January 2017 to 06 September 2023 misrepresented to clients that they either or both were regulated for a range of investment business activities in the United Kingdom by ACCA when they were not.

4. Mr Marchant's conduct was:

- a) In respect of Allegation 3(a) contrary to Section 350.5(d) of ACCA's Code of Ethics & Conduct.
- b) In respect of Allegation 3(b) contrary to Section contrary to Section 350.17 of ACCA's Code of Ethics & Conduct.
- c) In respect of Allegation 3(c) contrary to Section 350.27 of ACCA's Code of Ethics & Conduct.

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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