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# News release

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**Notice of hearing**

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09:30am on 16 & 17 September 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 Mrs Ruth Dorans.

Allegations

Mrs Ruth Dorans being a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ("ACCA"):

1. Mrs Doran, contrary to Section B2 of ACCA's Code of Ethics and Conduct, failed on behalf of Firm A to comply with the requirements of the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 ("MLRs 2017"), namely:

    a. Regulation 18 (risk assessment by relevant persons) from 26 June 2017 to about April 2025; and/or:

    b. Regulation 19 (policies and procedures) from 26 June 2017 to about May 2024; and/or:

    c. Regulation 24(1)(a) and/or 24(1)(b) (training) from 26 June 2017 to about April 2025.

2. On 09 April 2024, Mrs Dorans submitted or caused to be submitted to ACCA an AML Risk Assessment Questionnaire ("RAQ 2023") in which she confirmed on behalf of her firm:

a. That she as money laundering reporting officer ("MLRO") had conducted a firm-wide risk assessment ("FWRA") for the firm, which was documented and updated on a periodic basis;

b. That the firm had documented AML Policy and Procedures ("P&P") in place which was updated on a periodic basis; and:

c. That she has provided regular or periodic AML training to all relevant employees.

3. Mrs Dorans' conduct at allegation 2 above, was:

    a. Dishonest, in that any or all of the confirmations as set out in Allegation 2 above were untrue as she knew; or in the alternative:

    b. Such conduct demonstrates a lack of integrity; or in the further alternative:

    c. Such conduct was reckless in that she failed to have any or any sufficient regard to the need to ensure that the confirmations she gave were accurate and true.

4. By reason of any or all of her above conduct, Mrs Dorans is:

    a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters in Allegation 1 to 3 above; or

    b. In the alternative, liable to disciplinary action pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii).

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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Founded in 1904 to widen access to the accountancy profession, we've long championed inclusion and today proudly support a diverse community of over 252,500 members and 526,000 future members in 180 countries.

Our forward-looking qualifications, continuous learning and insights are respected and valued by employers in every sector. They equip individuals with the business and finance expertise and ethical judgment to create, protect, and report the sustainable value delivered by organisations and economies.

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