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Notice of hearing

A hearing of ACCA's Disciplinary Committee will take place at 09.30am on 22, 23, 24 and 25 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 cases to be heard on this day concerns Miss Donna Louise Robinson.

Allegations (Case 1)

Miss Donna Louise Robinson, a Fellow of the *Association of Chartered Certified Accountants* ('ACCA'):

1. From 20 January 2025 contrary to section 320.16 of ACCA"s Code of Ethics and Conduct failed to promptly provide the new accountant for Company A with any or all reasonable transfer information as requested.

2. Between 30 December 2023 and 27 February 2025 failed to ensure proper and timely submissions to HMRC on behalf of Company A. To include any or all of the following:

   a) VAT returns;
   b) Corporation Tax Returns;
   c) Payroll Submissions.

3. In relation to conduct at Allegation 1 and/or 2, Miss Robinson failed to comply with paragraph 113.1(b) of the Fundamental Principle of Professional Competence and Due Care.

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4. Between 22 February 2022 and 20 January 2025 breached Regulation 3 of ACCA's Global Practising Regulations 2003 (as amended) by virtue of not holding an ACCA practising certificate in that:

   a) She prepared and / or filed HMRC VAT Tax Returns concerning Company A's financial affairs; and

   b) The circumstances of (a) above are that reliance is likely to be placed on the tax return by any other person.

   c) carried on public practice in a designated territory without a Practising Certificate ('PC') issued by ACCA, contrary to Regulation 3(1)(a) of the Global Practising Regulations ('GPRs') (2022 - 2026);

   d) Was director of Firm A where public practice was conducted in the name of the Firm, contrary to Regulation 3(2)(a) of the GPRs (2022 - 2026);

   e) Held rights in Firm A which in effect put her in the position of principal of a firm where public practice was conducted in the name of the Firm contrary to Regulation 3(2)(b) of the GPRs (2022-2026).

5. From 01 May 2024, failed to register Firm A with HM Revenue and Customs ('HMRC') for supervision under the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 ('MLRs'), contrary to Regulation 3(2), Annex 1 of the GPRs (2024-2026).

6. Between 19 January 2023 and 13 March 2024 completed and/or submitted or caused to be submitted to ACCA one or more of the annual CPD declarations below confirming that "*I have not engaged in public practice activities (as defined by The Chartered Certified Accountants' Global Practising Regulations 3 and 4), without holding an ACCA practising certificate*".

   a) 19 January 2023; and/or,
   b) 04 January 2024; and/or,

c) 13 March 2025.

7. Miss Robinson's conduct at Allegation 6 above, was dishonest in that she knew any or all of the said declarations were not true.

8. In the alternative in respect of the conduct referred to in Allegation 6, Miss Robinson failed to demonstrate integrity.

9. In the further alternative, in respect of the conduct referred to in Allegation 6, Miss Robinson was reckless.

Allegations (Case 2)

1. Contrary to Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 3(1) 2014 (as amended), Miss Donna Louise Robinson, an ACCA member, has failed to co-operate fully with an investigation into a complaint in that she did not respond to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:

   a. 16 April 2024;
   b. 9 May 2024 ;
   c. 24 May 2024.

2. By reason of the conduct set out at (1) above, Miss Robinson is:

   a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i), or in the alternative;

   b. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(iii).

Allegations (Case 3)

1. Contrary to Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 Regulation 3(1), as applicable in 2024, Miss Donna Louise Robinson has failed to co-operate fully with an investigation into a complaint, in that she did not respond fully to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:

a. 1 August 2024;
b. 23 August 2024;
c. 19 September 2024.

2. By reason of the conduct set out above, Miss Robinson is:

   a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out above; or in the alternative;

   b. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(iii) in respect of any or all of the matters in Allegation 1.

Allegations (Case 4)

1. Contrary to Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 Regulation 3(1), as applicable in 2024 and 2025, Miss Donna Louise Robinson has failed to co-operate fully with an investigation into a complaint, in that she did not respond fully to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:

   a. 13 November 2024;
   b. 10 December 2024; or
   c. 3 January 2025.

2. By reason of the conduct set out above, Miss Robinson is:

   a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out above; or in the alternative;

   b. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(iii) in respect of any or all of the matters in Allegation 1.

Allegations (Case 5)

1. Contrary to Complaints and Disciplinary Regulations 2014 Regulation 3(1), as applicable in 2024 and 2025, Miss Donna Louise Robinson has failed to co-operate fully with an investigation into a complaint, in that she did not respond fully to any or all of ACCA's correspondence dated:

   a. 25 November 2024;
   b. 3 January 2025;
   c. 20 January 2025.

2. By reason of the conduct set out above, Miss Robinson is:

   a. Guilty of misconduct pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(i) in respect of any or all of the matters set out above; or in the alternative;

   b. Liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Bye-law 8(a)(iii) in respect of any or all of the matters in Allegation 1.

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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