

## William John Gregory Osmond Solicitor 90805

Prosecution Date: 25 February 2025

#### **Decision - Prosecution**

Outcome: Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal order

Outcome date: 25 February 2025

Published date: 20 March 2025

## **Firm details**

# Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Osmond Solicitors Limited

Address(es): 230 Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue. London EC4Y 0HP

Firm ID: 508515

## **Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

#### Reasons/basis

#### **Outcome of SDT Hearing**

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which reaches its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Respondent. The Tribunal had certified that there was a case to answer.

On 25 February 2025 the SDT considered and approved an Agreed Outcome.

The Tribunal ordered that Mr Osmond should be suspended for 12 months and also subject to conditions imposed by the Tribunal as follows:

The Respondent may not:



- Practise as a sole practitioner or sole manager or sole owner of an authorised or recognised body; or as a freelance solicitor; or as a solicitor in an unregulated organisation;
- Be a Head of Legal Practice/Compliance Officer for Legal Practice or a Head of Finance and Administration/Compliance Officer for Finance and Administration;
- Hold client money;
- Be a signatory on any client account;

The SDT judgment will be available at <u>www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk</u> [http://www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk]

Control of practice Date: 16 April 2024

## **Decision - Control of practice**

Outcome: Condition

Outcome date: 16 April 2024

Published date: 4 June 2024

## Firm details

# Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome

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#### **Decision details**

William Osmond's practising certificate for 2023/2024 is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Mr Osmond may not act as a manager or owner of any authorised body.
- 2. Subject to condition one, Mr Osmond may act as a solicitor only as an employee and only where that employment has first been approved by the SRA.
- 3. Conditions one and two to become effective 90 days from the date of this decision.



- 4. Mr Osmond may not act as a compliance officer for legal practice (COLP) or compliance officer for finance and administration (COFA) for any authorised body.
- 5. Mr Osmond does not hold or receive client money, or act as a signatory to any client or office account or have the power to authorise transfers from any client or office account.

In these conditions the terms are as defined in the SRA Glossary.

#### **Reasons/basis**

The above conditions are necessary in the public interest. They are reasonable and proportionate having regard to the purposes set out in regulation 7 of the SRA Authorisation of Individuals Regulations, and the regulatory objectives and principles governing regulatory activities as contained in section 28 of the Legal Services Act 2007.

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