

HEARING AID COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Fast-Track Disciplinary Hearing

held at

70 St Mary Axe
London EC3A 8BD
on

9 November 2007

PRESENT:

MR CHRIS HUGHES
(Chair)

PROFESSOR NORMA BROOK
MR MIKE BISHOP
MR TONY CORCORAN
(Committee Members)

MRS JANET HAWTHORNE: Council's Solicitor
MR CHRIS O'LEARY: Deputy Registrar
MS AMICIE KNOWLES: Committee Administrator

Cases of: MR PETER ELLAMS and MR STEPHEN ROLL

The Respondents did not attend and were not represented.

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[D E C I S I O N]

CHAIR: The Committee finds both Mr Ellams and Mr Roll in breach of Clause 9(c)(i) of the Code of Conduct.

Mr Ellams and Mr Roll were both concerned with the care of a customer. The technology they used, hand-held programming systems, meant that their record-keeping was inadequate and they were therefore in breach of Clause 9(c)(i) of the Code of Conduct. They have both admitted their error.

Mr Ellams has in mitigation explained the circumstances and indicated the training he has taken in order to meet the need to improve his practice in this area. In the light of that, the Committee concludes that a sanction of £350 payable within 28 days is appropriate in this case.

Mr Roll has not submitted any mitigation or explanation going to these points. In the circumstances, the Committee concludes that a penalty of £500 payable within 28 days is appropriate and also directs that he gives a qualifying promise to the Registrar to undertake five structured CPD points training in computerised record-keeping in addition to his usual annual requirement for training; this training to be undertaken by 31 March 2008.

[Committee in camera]

CHAIR: We will adjourn the question of the determination of the costs in these cases until the next available date. In the meantime, the solicitor will write to the Respondents indicating costs and indicating how they arise and the order which you'll be seeking.

Thank you very much.

[The hearing concluded]