

Fiona Jane Smith
Solicitor
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[Prosecution Date: 22 May 2025](#)

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 22 May 2025

Published date: 29 October 2025

Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: MSP Legal Services LLP

Address(es): Havelock House, 24 Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS26 8DD

Firm ID: 464583

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Reasons/basis

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which will reach its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Solicitor. The Tribunal has certified that there is a case to answer in respect of allegations which are or include that Ms Smith misused client money during the period around August 2021 and March 2023.

Ms Smith caused and/or allowed a shortage to arise on the Firm's client account and allowed inappropriate transfers to be made, thereby breaching the SRA Solicitors Accounts Rules.

The allegations are subject to a Hearing before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and are as yet unproven.

[Closure Date: 31 March 2023](#)

Decision - Closure

Outcome: Intervention

Outcome date: 31 March 2023

Published date: 5 April 2023

Firm details

Firm or organisation at date of publication

Name: MSP Legal Services LLP

Address(es): Havelock House, 24 Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS26 8DD

Firm ID: 464583

Outcome details

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

Decision details

To intervene into the practice of Fiona Smith at MSP Legal Services LLP.

Reasons/basis

The Panel was satisfied that grounds for intervention existed under paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 1 to the Solicitors Act 1974 (as amended) namely that Fiona Smith had failed to comply with the rules made under sections 31 and 32 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (as amended).

Intervening agents

Carl Johnson of Stephenson Solicitors LLP, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA has been appointed as the intervening agent.

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