



Charles Michael Stevens

Solicitor

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[Prosecution Date: 24 June 2024](#)

Decision - Prosecution

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 24 June 2024

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Firm details

Firm or organisation at time of matters giving rise to outcome

Name: Bawtrees LLP

Address(es): 65 Newland Street, Witham, CM8 1AB

Firm ID: 484888

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, whilst in practice as a Solicitor at Bawtrees LLP he:

1. Between approximately 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022, gave misleading information to Lynne Goldsby of the Wilkes partnership (TWP), by informing her that he would transfer Client A's deposit to TWP by 4 July 2022, when he knew that he had not received Client A's deposit;
2. Failed to perform an undertaking that he had given to Ms Goldsby on 1 July 2022, that by 4 July 2024 he would transfer Client A's deposit from Bawtrees to TWP and / or send Client A's copy of the exchanged contract to TWP;
3. On 16 September 2022, attempted to prevent Kevin Lynch of TWP and /or Client B, from providing information to the SRA about the

conduct referenced in Allegations 1. and / or 2.

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

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