

Case No. 12793-2025

**IN THE SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

**BETWEEN: -**

**SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY LTD      Applicant**

**and**

**VIPUL KAPOOR      Respondent**

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**STATEMENT OF VIPUL KAPOOR**

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1. I am the Respondent in these proceedings. I was admitted a Solicitor on 15 October 2009. Save for the matters set out in the Rule 12 Statement I have no regulatory or disciplinary history.
  
2. I am an honest man and nothing has ever been suggested to the contrary. I am married and practise as a Solicitor as set out in the Rule 12 Statement at paragraphs 7 – 12 – A3 – A4.
  
3. I say at the outset that that I am deeply ashamed at the conduct that has led me to this situation. I apologise profusely to this Honourable Tribunal and the profession at

large. As I hope will be demonstrated the convictions covered by the allegations occurred at a time when I was dependent upon alcohol. Put simply I was addicted.

4. I have not consumed alcohol since December 2023 and I never will again. Prior to that date I had been abstinent for a year.
5. I attend meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and am working through the 12 Steps Programme. I have found this to be extremely helpful and I will engage with the process as directed.
6. I have never misconducted myself other than when under the influence of alcohol. I assure the Tribunal that I never will again.
7. I believe that I am a good Solicitor. I practise mainly in the field of property litigation and debt recovery on behalf of commercial clients. I will submit a bundle of testimonials nearer the time of the hearing.
8. I have been legally represented during the SRA Investigation and these proceedings in particular. I have fully cooperated at every stage. I adopt all that has been said on my behalf and will not repeat those submissions now.
9. However I hope that it will be helpful for me to refer to submissions made in relation to each allegation by cross-referencing to Caselines.

10. The first 3 convictions are summarised at X25. Representations on my behalf are at X62 – X69. I confirm that the contents of this document are true. The facts behind each conviction are addressed but of course I admit the allegations (now slightly amended) which are based upon the fact of the convictions. I make no attempt to go behind them.
11. I have complied with all sanctions imposed upon me by the Courts.
12. The fourth matter in question relates to a Caution I received in December 2023. This matter was referred to SRA by Leading Counsel on my behalf – X82 – X83. The contents of this document are true.
13. Medical evidence has been adduced on my behalf. A Report by Dr. John Wilkins Consultant Psychiatrist is at X45 – X61. This was disclosed to SRA with a Note summarising points of particular relevance – X42 – X44.
14. A letter from my GP Dr. McKeown is at X70 – X71.
15. I have been given leave to adduce this medical evidence at the hearing of these proceedings and understand that Dr. Wilkins will be called as a witness.
16. I also draw attention to the Pre-Sentence Report in relation to my third conviction – X72 – X76. I refer specifically to the final paragraph on X74.

17. I have admitted delaying in promptly reporting the matters in question to SRA. At the times in question I did not believe that motoring convictions were reportable. I fully accept that I was wrong and I have made the appropriate admissions.
18. These matters were reported on my behalf – X80 – X83. This issue is addressed by Dr. Wilkins at X56 paragraph 101 – X57 paragraph 111.
19. I do not advance my alcohol addiction as an excuse but rather as a reason for my offending. I hope that my otherwise clean record serves to justify it as a reason.
20. I respectfully ask this Honourable Tribunal not to interfere with my right to continue my practice as a Solicitor. I have a settled personal and professional life. I am only too aware of the perils of alcohol consumption and promise that I will never drink again. I am ashamed of these events and have learned the most salutary lesson. I make no complaint about that.
21. The contents of this Statement are true.

Dated: 30 October 2025



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Vipul Kapoor