

**SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOLICITORS ACT 1974

Case No. 12493-2023

**BETWEEN:**

KOFI AGYEMAN

Applicant

and

SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY LTD

Respondent

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Before:

Mr P Lewis (in the chair)

Mrs A Sprawson

Mr R Slack

Date of Hearing: 09 October 2023

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**Appearances**

There were no appearances. The matter was considered on the papers.

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**JUDGMENT ON AN  
APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW THE  
TERMINATION OF AN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION**

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## **Background**

1. On 14 August 2023, Mr Agyeman lodged an application to terminate the indefinite suspension imposed by the Tribunal on 6 June 2011.
2. This was the third time Mr Agyeman had made such an application. At a hearing on 9 June 2015, the Tribunal dismissed his application for termination on the basis that Mr Agyeman had failed to adequately demonstrate he was sufficiently rehabilitated.
3. At a hearing on 19 April 2021, the Tribunal again dismissed an application for termination of the indefinite suspension on the basis that the training undertaken did not include the Solicitors Accounts Rules 2019 or the Standards and Regulations. Additionally, he had not been employed within a firm.
4. On 2 February 2022, the SRA approved Mr Agyeman's employment with Aminu Aminu Solicitors as a legal assistant with a number of conditions.
5. In its answer dated 18 September 2023, the SRA opposed the application. It was considered that Mr Agyeman posed a continuing risk to the public such that the public would be concerned about the propriety of Mr Agyeman returning to practice.
6. On 26 September 2023, Mr Agyeman confirmed in an email that he wished to withdraw his application due to "circumstances beyond [his] control" resulting in his inability to meet the deadline for adverts.
7. In an email dated 4 October 2023, the SRA confirmed that it did not oppose the application to withdraw but sought costs in the sum of £1,456.

## **The Tribunal's Decision**

8. The Tribunal noted the agreed position and determined that it was appropriate to permit Mr Agyeman to withdraw his application. Accordingly, the application to withdraw was granted.
9. The Tribunal determined that it was appropriate to allow the SRA to recover the reasonable costs associated with the application. The Tribunal noted that the only significant change since the application in April 2021, was the permission to work for Aminu Aminu Solicitors. In the circumstances, the Tribunal considered that the claim for costs was excessive. The Tribunal determined that costs in the sum of £650 were reasonable and proportionate and ordered that Mr Agyeman pay costs in that amount.

## **Statement of Full Order**

10. The Tribunal Ordered that the application of KOFI AGYEMAN for the determination of the indefinite suspension be **WITHDRAWN** and it further Ordered that the Applicant do pay the costs of and incidental to the response to this application by the SRA fixed in the sum of £650.00.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023  
On behalf of the Tribunal

*P Lewis*

P Lewis  
Chair

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