

SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOLICITORS ACT 1974

Case No:12747-2025

BETWEEN:

ANDREW REEVES

Applicant

and

SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY LTD

Respondent

Before:

Mr G. Sydenham (in the Chair)
Ms B Patel
Mr A Pygram

Date of Consideration: 17 April 2025

Appearances

There were no appearances, and the application was dealt with on the papers.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITIONS ON PRACTICE

Relevant Background

1. The Respondent filed an application for the amendment of conditions imposed upon his practice dated 21 March 2025. Standard Directions were issued by the Tribunal on 24 March 2025, and the hearing was for 15 August 2025.
2. The Application was for variation of two of the conditions that were imposed on the Respondent's practice by the Tribunal on the 20 September 2024.
3. The procedural history of the case is outlined in the Memorandum dated 4 October 2024, which records that, on 20 September 2024, the Tribunal replaced the existing indefinite suspension with eight conditions of practice.

Consideration of the Application

4. The Tribunal considered the request for the variation of two of the conditions imposed on 20 September 2024 as follows:
 - (a) for the words "*in-person*" be deleted to enable the Applicant to comply with the order by attending CPD courses online and;
 - (b) the time for the Applicant to attend the CPD courses be extended until 31 December 2025.
5. The Tribunal determined that there was no information before it indicating that the specified courses required attendance exclusively in person for CPD purposes.
6. In light of the Applicant's explanation regarding the difficulties in complying with both imposed conditions, the Tribunal varied the requirements by removing the 'in-person' attendance obligation and further extended the deadline for course completion to 31 December 2025.
7. The Tribunal imposed No Order as to Costs.

Statement of Full Order

8. The Tribunal ORDERED that the application of ANDREW REEVES for the variation of the conditions imposed by the Tribunal on 20 September 2024 be **GRANTED**.
9. The Tribunal Ordered the conditions be hereby varied as follows:
10. The second sub-paragraph of paragraph 2.2 of the Order of 20 September 2024 be amended by the deletion of the words "*in-person*".
11. The time for the Applicant to undertake the CPD hours referred to in the second sub-paragraph of paragraph 2.2 of the Order of 20th September 2024 be extended to 31 December 2025.
12. The Tribunal further Orders that there be no Order for costs.

Dated this 29th day of April 2025
On behalf of the Tribunal

G. Sydenham

Mr G. Sydenham
Chair