



Mr Nicholas Rorison MARLA
and Partner of,
Mr N M Rorison & Mr G J Williams
t/a G C Skitt & Co

Disciplinary Tribunal Decision

20th November 2024

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Member: Mr Nicholas Rorison MARLA

Position: Director

Company/Employer: Mr. N M Rorison & Mr. G J Williams t/a G C Skitt & Co

Address: 75 – 77 Great Bridge
Tipton
DY4 7HF

Complainant: Propertymark

Reference: Y0003429

Date: 20th November 2024

A. INTRODUCTION

A Disciplinary Tribunal of Propertymark Limited was convened on 20 November 2024 to consider the case against Mr Nicholas Rorison.

The panel members were Mr Richard Hair PPNAEA (Honoured) (member panellist acting as the Chairperson for the Tribunal), Mr Richard Copus, FNAVA FNAEA (member panellist) and Mrs Janet Bennett (lay panellist).

The presenting Case Officer for Propertymark was Mr Victor Zillmer.

Mr Rorison attended the hearing; this took place in person and was recorded.

B. ALLEGATIONS

The Tribunal considered the allegations set out in the case summary sent to Mr Rorison.

It was alleged that Mr Rorison had acted in contravention of the requirements of the following Propertymark Conduct and Membership Rules.

1.44 Donation of dormant funds to charity

Under exceptional circumstances, and following written explanation of:

- The actions taken by the Principal Agent(s), and
- The current situation and status of any investigations, and
- Disclosure of the amount involved, and
- Sufficient time (usually at least six years) having elapsed from last contact from the Client or activity on the relevant Client Ledger Account,

Propertymark may allow the old or dormant Client funds to be donated by the Principal Agent(s) to a suitable registered charity; subject to an undertaking that any valid proven claim subsequently received by the Principal Agent(s) from the beneficial or legal owner would immediately be met by the member's firm from its own resources.

The transfer of such funds to a charity may require a note to the Principal Agent(s) business accounts of a potential liability to a future claim. Any such sums dealt with in this manner should form part of any disclosure to a future potential purchaser of the business.

23. Continuing professional development (CPD) rules

23.1. CPD is mandatory for all ARLA, ARLA Inventories, NAEA, NAEA Commercial and NAVA members except for Affiliate, Deferred, Retired grade members.

23.2. Members are required to undertake at least twelve hours' CPD activity per year. At least four of the twelve hours must be obtained by attendance at relevant educational events and up to eight hours by relevant private study (except for those studying for Propertymark Qualifications relevant to their specialism). All CPD should be relevant to the membership specialism and/or relevant to business needs.

23.3. The CPD year runs from 1 January to 31 December and the twelve hours should be submitted by 31 January of the following year, listing the learning outcomes.

23.4. CPD must be provided annually for membership to continue.

23.5. If members belong to more than one division, they are required to submit twelve hours' CPD for each division demonstrating a relevant learning outcome.

Mr Rorison entered a plea denying the alleged breaches of Rule 1.44 & 23.

After consideration of the evidence presented and submissions by the parties, the Tribunal announced the following findings:

C. DECISION

Rule 1.44 - Proven
Rule 23 - Proven

D. SANCTIONS

Rule 1.44 - Caution
Rule 23 - £50

In addition, the cost of this hearing of £517.50 were imposed against Mr Rorison in favour of Propertymark.

E. PUBLICATION

The outcome of the case fell within the Propertymark publication policy.

F. CLOSING STATEMENT

“We believe this matter should never have progressed beyond the original offer of a small penalty, but we thank the member for your attendance.”

Richard Hair PPNAEA (Honoured)
Disciplinary Tribunal Chairperson

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Mr Nicholas Rorison MARLA
Partner of
Mr N M Rorison & Mr G J Williams
t/a
G C Skitt & Co

Appeal Tribunal Decision

March 2025

Appeal Tribunal Decision

Member: Mr Nicholas Rorison MARLA

Position: Partner

Company/Employer: Mr N M Rorison & Mr G J Williams t/a G C Skitt & Co

Address: 75 – 77 Great Bridge, Tipton, DY4 7HF

Reference: Y0003429

Date: 26 March 2025

A. INTRODUCTION

An Appeal Tribunal of Propertymark Limited was convened on 26 March 2025 to consider the appeal of Mr Nicholas Rorison following a Disciplinary Tribunal held on 20 November 2024.

The Appeal Panel members were Mr Jim Atkins PPNAEA (Honoured) (member panellist acting as the Chairperson for the Tribunal); Ms Jacqueline Stone FNAEA (member panellist); and Mrs Suzanne Smith (lay panellist).

The Case Officer for Propertymark was Mr Victor Zillmer.

Mr Nicholas Rorison did not attend the Appeal Hearing online or in person.

The Hearing took place in private and was recorded.

B. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FINDINGS AND SANCTIONS

Mr Nicholas Rorison was found to have acted in breach of the following Propertymark Conduct and Membership Rules at the hearing held on 20 November 2024 and the penalties imposed were:

| Alleged Breach | Findings | Sanction |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Rule 1.44 | Proven | Caution |
| Rule 23 | Proven | £50 |

The sum of £517.50 was imposed on the member towards the costs of the hearing.

The case fell within the Propertymark Publications Policy.

C. APPEAL TRIBUNAL'S DECISION

After considering the evidence, Mr Nicholas Rorison submission and after deliberation, the Appeal Tribunal made the following statement of findings:

"Having read the evidence of the earlier Tribunal and considered the further representation of the appeal, we uphold the decision and penalty of the earlier Tribunal.

It is our opinion that the internal sanction originally proposed was appropriate.

In addition to the cost previously imposed of £517.50, we impose further cost towards today's hearing of £497."

D. DECISION SUMMARY

| Alleged Breach | Findings | Sanction |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Rule 1.44 | Proven | Caution |
| Rule 23 | Proven | £50 |

Additional costs of £497 for the Appeal Hearing were imposed on Mr Nicholas Rorison in favour of Propertymark.

Mr Jim Atkins PPNAEA (Honoured)
Appeal Panel Chairperson