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Mr Sean Barrett MARLA

Director,

The Agency Group – TAG Limited

t/a The Agency Group

Disciplinary Tribunal Decision

February 2025

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Member:	Mr Sean Barrett MARLA
Position:	Director
Company/Employer:	The Agency Group – TAG Limited t/a The Agency Group
Address:	Syds Quay, Twickenham, TW1 3DY
Complainant:	Ms Rakhi Rahi
Reference:	Y0004045
Date:	27 February 2025

A. INTRODUCTION

A Disciplinary Tribunal of Propertymark Limited was convened on 27 February 2025 to consider the case against Mr Sean Barrett.

The panel members were Mr Neville Pedersen FNAEA (Honoured) (member panellist acting as the Chairperson for the Tribunal); Mr Steve Shaw (lay panellist); and Mr George Close (lay panellist).

The presenting Case Officer for Propertymark was Mr Ali Haider.

Mr Barrett was in attendance at the Hearing, accompanied by Ms Emma Burke.

Ms Rakhi Rahi, the complainant, was in attendance at the Hearing.

The Hearing took place in private and was recorded.

B. ALLEGATIONS

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

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

10. Declarations

PPD members are required to make annual declarations in a format applicable to their relevant property business interests and with regard to the handling of Client Money. In any intervening period, PPD members are required to advise Propertymark if their firm commences handling Client Money. Additional declarations may also be required when Propertymark receives information that company responsibilities and/or business areas may have changed. All branches must be declared to Propertymark, with new branches and closures reported as and when necessary.

13. General duty to uphold high standards of ethical and professional behaviour

13.1. No member shall do any act (whether in business or otherwise) which:

13.1.1. Involves dishonesty, deceitful behaviour, misrepresentation; and/or

13.1.2. Involves other unprofessional practice or practice that is unfair to members of the public; and/or

13.1.3. In any other way brings Propertymark or any of its divisions or subsidiaries into disrepute.

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 Barrett entered a plea admitting the alleged breaches of Rules 10, 13 and 23.

C. DECISION

Rule 10 - Admitted

Rule 13 - Admitted

Rule 23 - Admitted

D. SANCTIONS

Rule 10 - £250

Rule 13 - £1500

Rule 23 - £250

In addition, the costs of this Hearing of £507.60 were imposed against Mr Barrett in favour of Propertymark.

E. PUBLICATION

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

F. CLOSING STATEMENT

“The Tribunal thanks both Ms Rahi and our member, Mr Barrett, for attending at today’s Hearing. Their attendance has greatly assisted the Tribunal. Mr Barrett, kindly, has admitted breaches of the Rules. In relation to the service provided to Ms Rahi, the Tribunal felt that she was not afforded a professionalism service to the standard expected of Propertymark. With regards to other Rules breached, it is noted that these have now been corrected and are up to date”.

Mr Neville Pedersen FNAEA (Honoured)

Disciplinary Tribunal Chairperson