

SCOTTISH LEGAL AID BOARD

PROCEEDINGS IN TERMS OF S.31 OF THE LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT 1986

in relation to

TERENCE DAVID RUDDY, SOLICITOR, GLASGOW

Respondent

DECISION

Edinburgh

22 March 2024

Having heard evidence and considered the oral submissions by the case presenter and the Respondent, Terence David Ruddy, Solicitor, Glasgow, the Section 31 Committee of the Scottish Legal Aid Board finds it established that there is good reason to exclude the Respondent from being selected to advise, act for or represent a person seeking or in receipt of legal aid or advice and assistance or from giving advice and assistance to or from acting for a person to whom legal aid is made available, and orders that the Respondent be so excluded for three years with effect from **Friday 5 April 2024** all in terms of section 31(3) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986. This finding is by virtue of the conduct of the Respondent who, between 2016 and 2021, with reckless disregard prepared materially inaccurate work records on a regular basis for work claimed to have been undertaken by him when providing legal aid, the information from which records he then caused to be used in support of correspondingly inaccurate claims for payment, which resulted in the Scottish Legal Aid Board paying sums to him which (a) were not in fact properly vouched or (b) constituted or included claims which resulted in overpayment.



Ray Macfarlane

Chair of the Scottish Legal Aid Board and Convener of the Section 31 Committee