

Publication Notice

Disciplinary Tribunal

Ref: Invest/03/23

A Disciplinary Tribunal convened on 12 September and 3 October 2024 found the following charges of misconduct proven against Andrew Callanan (Member) and A. Callanan & Co (Firm), of 5 Lower Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin 14:

1. Breach of Hot File Review condition

In accordance with a Hot File Review (HFR) condition imposed on the Firm A. Callanan & Co on 20 March 2017, all audit files should be subject to a hot file review before signing.

Misconduct is established in that: -

1. There were three instances of audit reports bearing the name and signature of the Member and Firm which had not been the subject of a hot file review:
2. There were fifteen instances where an audit report was signed before the hot file review process was completed
3. Four audit reports bearing the name of the Member were filed with the CRO which were subject to a Cold File review rather than a Hot file review

2. Failure by firm to implement quality assurance recommendations

The firm failed to implement quality assurance recommendations made in December 2016 by scoring a Grade C on a quality assurance review while being the subject of a Hot file review. Bye law 7.17.2 and Section 1496 (4) of the Companies Act 2014 refers.

3. Failure by the firm to carry out their work according to relevant standards

A Grade C was scored by the firm on a quality assurance review in December 2022. The quality assurance review identified a number of breaches of relevant standards. This represents a breach of Bye Law 7.4 which requires that firms carry out their work according to accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), all auditing and ethical standards issued by the FRC or the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA).

The Tribunal ordered the following:

- That a Reprimand be imposed on the Member and Firm.
- That Member be fined €3,000, payable before the Quality Assurance review referenced below takes place.

The Tribunal imposed the following Orders in accordance with bye law 6.32.1 (f): -

- That a Quality Assurance Review of the Firms' practice be undertaken after 6 months at the Firm's expense.

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- If a Grade A or B is achieved at this quality assurance review, the excess of the cost of this disciplinary process of €4,200 over the cost of the Quality Assurance Review will be written off. If a Grade A or B is not achieved, then the full costs of €4,200 (this includes the cost of Quality Assurance Review) become payable immediately.
- The Hot File Review condition is to remain in place until a Grade A or B is achieved in a Quality Assurance Review, at the discretion of the Institute.

The Tribunal also ordered that details of these findings and orders be published on the website of CPA Ireland (www.cpaireland.ie) with reference to Member and Firm by name.