



Type of Order: DISCIPLINARY CONSENT ORDER

Date of Order: 20 August 2018

Committee name: INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Details of IP: **Mr Gareth Neill, of Belfast Northern Ireland**, an IPA member and former Licensed Insolvency Practitioner.

Summary of complaint: This Order is made in relation to a complaint that **Mr Neill**, in his role as **Supervisor of an IVA** breached the fundamental principle of competence and due care, when he;

- 1) wrongly sought to realise contributions and took administrative steps in this regard after the IVA had completed on 21 May 2015;
- 2) wrongly allowed an inaccurate skeleton argument to be submitted to court on his behalf for a hearing on 30 September 2015, which was accepted as accurate, by the court.

Summary of sanctions: Accordingly, Mr Neill was found liable to disciplinary action under the IPA's Articles of Association.

The Common Sanctions Guidance provides for a reprimand and fine of £2,000 as a starting point where there had been a less serious failure to comply with the fundamental principle of professional competence and due care. The Committee did not consider that there were any aggravating or mitigating factors to take into account.

The Investigation Committee decided to impose a disciplinary order that Mr Neill receive a Reprimand, a fine of £2,000 and costs.