

Payroll director banned for £2.7m of contentious payments

Jonas Stankevicius, from Doncaster, was appointed the sole director of S Jonas Solutions Limited in July 2018, at the same time the payroll services company was incorporated.

S Jonas Solutions started trading shortly after incorporation from premises in Stockhill Road, Doncaster, but only a few months later entered into creditors voluntary liquidation in December 2018.

The payroll company's liquidation and the length of trading, however, brought S Jonas Solutions to the attention of the Insolvency Service who conducted further enquiries into a series of contentious payments.

Investigators uncovered that Jonas Stankevicius failed to ensure payroll company maintained and/or preserved adequate accounting records. This failure has meant that neither the liquidators nor investigators could verify the legitimacy of £2.73 million worth of payments made from the payroll company's bank account between August and October 2018.

The failure to maintain proper records also meant that it has not been able to determine the true amount of tax liabilities owed by S Jonas Solutions after the tax authorities claimed just over £500,000 in the liquidation.

On 15 September 2020 the Secretary of State accepted a disqualification undertaking from Jonas Stankevicius, after he did not dispute that he failed to ensure that S Jonas Solutions maintained and/or preserved adequate accounting records, or alternatively failed to deliver up such records to the Liquidator.

Effective from 6 October 2020, Jonas Stankevicius is banned for 8 years from directly or indirectly becoming involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company.

Mark Bruce, Chief Investigator for the Insolvency Service, said:

All directors have a statutory requirement to maintain company accounting records. Jonas Stankevicius, however, completely disregarded his responsibilities and as a direct consequence of his actions, he couldn't explain the legitimacy of £2.7 million of payments paid out of the payroll company's accounts over just two months.

But his misconduct has caught up with him and Jonas Stankevicius has been banned for eight years, which should serve as a warning to other rogue directors that your misconduct could see you being removed from the business environment for a substantial amount of time.

Jonas Stankevicius is from Doncaster and his date of birth is July 1993.

S Jonas Solutions Limited (Company Reg no. 11444175).

Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings. Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of other restrictions](#).

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