

**FROM:** Secretary to Lloyd's Disciplinary Board  
**LOCATION:** 58/NW1  
**EXTENSION:** 5530  
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**REFERENCE:** 018/2000  
**SUBJECT:** **ROBERT JAMES MEACHAM**

**SUBJECT AREA(S):** Disciplinary Proceedings  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Notice of Censure  
**ACTION POINTS:** **For information**  
**DEADLINE:** **None**

Robert James Meacham ("Mr Meacham") has admitted three charges of misconduct, namely conducting insurance business with a lack of good faith within the meaning of paragraph 1(e) of the Misconduct, Penalties and Sanctions Byelaw (No. 9 of 1993).

The following penalties have been imposed on Mr Meacham:

- (i) The total suspension of his right to act at Lloyd's as a Substitute for a period of one and a half years.
- (ii) The total suspension of his right to transact, or be concerned or interested in the transaction of, the business of insurance at Lloyd's or any class or classes of such business for a period of one and a half years.
- (iii) The total suspension of his right of admission to the Room and any other part of the premises of the Society for a period of one and a half years.
- (iv) A censure in the terms of this Notice.

Mr Meacham has been ordered to pay £1,000 towards the costs of Lloyd's having regard to his means and the fact that his early admissions of misconduct substantially reduced the length and the costs of the formal inquiry and avoided the expense of full disciplinary proceedings.

In addition, Mr Meacham has provided undertakings required by Lloyd's which prohibit him from transacting or being concerned or interested in the transaction of the business of insurance in the Lloyd's market indefinitely. Mr Meacham has liberty to apply to the Council of Lloyd's to have these undertakings set aside or amended in the future.

At the time relevant to the charges, Mr Meacham was a registered Substitute of a Lloyd's broker, T L Clowes & Company Limited ("T L Clowes") until his dismissal in September 1999. Mr Meacham was an Associate Director and a senior placing broker at T L Clowes.

Further details of the events giving rise to the charges are contained in the attached Notice of Censure.

In assessing the relevant penalties, account has been taken of the fact that Mr Meacham has an otherwise unblemished record. In addition, account has been taken of Mr Meacham's personal and financial circumstances, the fact that he admitted the charges of misconduct at an early stage and has given the undertakings referred to above.

This case was determined by Lloyd's Disciplinary Board and its decision gives effect to settlement of these formal disciplinary proceedings on terms agreed between the Defendant and the Council pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Lloyd's Disciplinary Rules (Schedule 2 to the Disciplinary Committees Byelaw (No. 31 of 1996)).

This bulletin has been sent out to all underwriting agents, Lloyd's brokers, corporate members, market associations, the ALM and recognised accountants.

A P Barber  
Secretary to Lloyd's Disciplinary Board

**NOTICE OF CENSURE**

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At the time relevant to the charges, Mr Meacham was a registered Substitute of a Lloyd's broker, T L Clowes & Company Limited ("T L Clowes") until his dismissal in September 1999. Mr Meacham was an Associate Director and a senior placing broker at T L Clowes.

Mr Meacham has admitted frankly to Lloyd's that he altered the terms of an addendum to a policy of insurance to remove any reference to the premium income limit in order to conceal from the client the premium income limit imposed by the insurer. Mr Meacham further admitted that he failed to disclose to his client the fact that he had negotiated a commission from underwriters in circumstances where he had also negotiated a fee from the client. Mr Meacham also admitted that he entered into an agreement to receive a personal payment from his principal's client as an inducement to show favour. Mr Meacham has admitted that in so doing he acted dishonestly and therefore did not conduct insurance business with utmost good faith and integrity.

The case was concluded before Lloyd's Disciplinary Board. The following penalties have been imposed on Mr Meacham.

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Mr Meacham has been ordered to pay the costs of the Council of Lloyd's in the sum of £1,000 having regard to his means and the fact that his early admissions of misconduct substantially reduced the length and the costs of the formal inquiry and avoided the expense of full disciplinary proceedings.

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