

PRESS RELEASE**Thursday 1 April 2021**

His Honour Judge Pearce yesterday handed down an important judgment which opened the door for the investors in FundingSecure to start recovering some of their hitherto lost money.

In October 2019, FundingSecure, a peer-to-peer lender, entered into administration, to the concern of around 3,500 ordinary investors some of whom had invested their life savings into the platform. Investors' loans of £80 million were secured against overvalued assets. The administrators decided to deduct 5% from every asset sold, which they kept for the company, instead of returning those monies to the out-of-pocket investors.

The administrators' decision to keep this money was challenged in the High Court by a small group of individual investors, represented throughout by CANDEY's team of solicitors and barristers, acting on a contingent basis.

In a landmark win for the ordinary investor, the Judge interpreted the Terms and Conditions of FundingSecure overwhelmingly in their favour. The Judge said that "the 5% Fee should be payable from the proceeds of realisation of an asset only after deduction of the sums due to the Investors."

This will be of great significance to thousands of Investors who faced negligible returns on investments due to the negligent and possibly fraudulent management by the Company.

The investors were represented by leading boutique litigation firm CANDEY who instructed Leading Counsel Muhammed Haque QC and junior Counsel Sam Cheesbrough of CANDEY.

The First, Second and Third Respondents' lawyers at CANDEY are available for interview.

The judgment is [available on BAILII](#).