

Dennis O’Riordan

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, October 1993

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 30 September 2013

In breach of

Contrary to paragraph 301(a)(i) and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

Dennis O’Riordan engaged in conduct which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister, in that from about March 2007 to about December 2012 he entered or caused to be entered on his Chambers’ website the following false educational or other qualifications or attainments:-

- (i) Bachelor of Arts (First Class) Oxford University, and/or
- (ii) Bachelor of Civil Law (First Class) Oxford University, and/or
- (iii) Doctor of Philosophy, Oxford University, and/or
- (iv) Eldon Scholar, and/or
- (v) Member of the New York Bar, and/or
- (vi) Member of the Irish Bar

In that he did not attend Oxford University as an undergraduate, and was not awarded a BA or BCL or a D Phil or an Eldon Scholarship by that university. Further he is not, and has never been, a member of either the New York or Irish Bars.

Dennis O’Riordan engaged in conduct which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister, contrary to paragraph 301(a)(i) of the Code of Conduct in that, on about November 2008 he entered or caused to be entered on his then employer’s website the following false educational or other qualifications or attainments:-

- (i) Bachelor of Arts (First Class), Balliol College, Oxford University, and/or
- (ii) Bachelor of Civil Laws, Balliol College, Oxford University, and/or
- (iii) Doctor of Philosophy, Balliol College, Oxford University, and/or
- (iv) Member of the New York Bar, and/or
- (v) Member of the Irish Bar

In that he did not attend Oxford University as an undergraduate, was not awarded a BA or a BCL or a D Phil or by that university and was not a member of Balliol College. Further, he is not, and has never been, a member of either the New York or Irish Bars.

Dennis Thomas O’Riordan engaged in conduct which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister, contrary to paragraph 301(a)(i) of the Code of Conduct in that, on about November 2012 into his *curriculum vitae* when applying to join a set of barristers’ Chambers the following false educational or other qualifications or attainments:-

- (i) Attendance at Radley College, and/or
- (ii) LLB (Hons) (First Class) University of East Anglia, and/or
- (iii) Bachelor of Arts (First Class) Oxford University, and/or
- (iv) Bachelor of Civil Laws (First Class) Oxford University, and/or
- (v) Doctor of Philosophy, Oxford University, and/or
- (vi) Eldon Scholar, and/or
- (vii) Master’s degree, Faculty of Law, Harvard University
- (viii) Member of the New York Bar, and/or
- (ix) Member of the Irish Bar

In that he :-

- (a) did not attend Radley College, and/or
- (b) did not attend Oxford University as an undergraduate, and was not awarded a BA or a BCL or a D Phil or an Eldon Scholarship by that university, and/or
- (c) was not awarded a first class degree by the University of East Anglia, and/or
- (d) was not awarded a Master’s degree by the Faculty of Law of Harvard University, and or
- (e) is not and has never been, a member of either the New York or Irish Bars.

SENTENCE: Suspended for 3 years.

STATUS: Open to Appeal