

# Giles Norton

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, November 2004

**TYPE OF HEARING:** 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

**DATE OF DECISION:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

## In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 902 and 905(d) and pursuant to paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

## Details of Offence

Giles Norton on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 made a declaration on his Call to the Bar which was false in a material respect, in that he failed to declare that he had been convicted of three criminal offences on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1998 at the Sheffield Magistrates Court namely:

- i. a charge of possessing a CS spray canister without the authority of the Secretary of State;
- ii. a further charge of possessing a CS spray canister without the authority of the Secretary of State;
- iii. wilfully obstructing PC Burgess, a police constable, in the execution of his duty.

Giles Norton on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 made a declaration on his Call to the Bar which was false in a material respect, in that he represented that he had the following qualifications:

- i. an LLM degree from Staffordshire University, in International Trade and Export;
- ii. a BA Degree from Harvard University in Chinese; and
- iii. a BA Degree from Harvard University in Information Technology.

Giles Norton, having been asked to provide comments or information on a complaint by the Bar Standards Board in letters dated the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and having been reminded of his duty to respond promptly to any request for comments or information pursuant to paragraph 905(d) of the Code of Conduct, failed to respond promptly to the said request. Such failure was serious and constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to paragraph 901.5 due to the nature of the failure and the extent of the failure and due to its combination with failures to comply with other provisions of the Code of Conduct, paragraph 902, as set out above.

**SENTENCE:** Disbarred. Fine £3000.

**STATUS:** Open to Appeal.