

Tariq Rehman

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, March 2000

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 5th May 2015

In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 301(a)(i), 404.2(a), 401.1(a)(iii) 40.35(a)(iii) and pursuant to paragraphs 901.7, 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

Tariq Rehman, a barrister, on a date or dates unknown between the 1st November 2011 and the 9th September 2013, engaged in conduct discreditable to a barrister, in that, acting on behalf of Kings Court Chambers, he agreed to the use of scripts by employees or agents of Global Immigration Consultants Limited in telephone conversations with prospective lay clients which included a representation that a barrister or barristers at Kings Court Chambers would do work for the prospective lay client in return for a stated fee, whereas the sum stated included, in addition to a card handling fee, an additional sum of £100 per lay client which was retained by Global Immigration Consultants Limited when the barrister's fee was remitted to Kings Court Chambers.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, between the 15th May 2012 and the 17th December 2012, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that he caused or permitted staff of Kings Court Chambers to accept cases in his name under the Public Access Rules by means of a client care letter being sent to the lay client bearing his name in circumstances in which Kings Court Chambers operated a system which did not allocate cases to any member of chambers before the client care letter was sent, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, between the 15th May 2012 and the 17th December 2012, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that fee notes were not issued on behalf of members of chambers to lay clients for whom they had agreed to do or had done work purportedly under the Public Access Rules, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that a complaint made by a lay client on the 7th April 2012 and by solicitors on their behalf on the 12th April 2012 about legal services purportedly supplied by unidentified members of Kings Court Chambers without the lay client being provided with, together with the acknowledgment of the complaint, (a) the name of the person who would be dealing with the complaint together with that person's role in chambers, (b) a copy of the Chambers' Complaints Procedure, and (c) the date by which the lay client would next hear from Chambers as required by Annex S to the Code of Conduct, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that a complaint made by lay clients on about the 6th May 2012 about legal services purportedly supplied by unidentified members of Kings Court Chambers without the lay clients being provided with, together with the acknowledgment of the complaint, (a) the name of the person who would be dealing with the complaint together with that person's role in chambers, (b) a copy of the Chambers' Complaints Procedure, and (c) the date by which the lay clients would next hear from Chambers as required by Annex S to the Code of Conduct, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that a complaint made by a lay client on about the 20th August 2012 about legal services purportedly supplied by unidentified members of Kings Court Chambers without the lay client being provided with, together with the acknowledgment of the complaint, (a) the name of the person who would be dealing with the complaint together with that person's role in chambers, (b) a copy of the Chambers' Complaints Procedure, and (c) the date by which the lay client would next hear from Chambers as required by Annex S to the Code of Conduct, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister and joint head of chambers at Kings Court Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently in that a complaint made by a lay client in about late October or early November 2012 about legal services purportedly supplied by unidentified members of Kings Court Chambers was dealt with by staff or members of Kings Court Chambers without the lay client being provided with, together with the acknowledgment of the complaint, (a) the name of the person who would be dealing with the complaint together with that person's role in chambers, (b) a copy of the Chambers' Complaints Procedure, and (c) the date by which the lay client would next hear from Chambers as required by Annex S to the Code of Conduct, such failure being serious and

thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, the extent of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister, supplied legal services in a case in which he was instructed by a lay client pursuant to paragraph 401(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct without complying with Rule 6(g) of the Public Access Rules, in that between about the 27th June 2012 and the 13th August 2012 he supplied legal services to a lay client without having informed the lay client in writing of the fee which he proposed to charge or the basis on which his fee would be calculated.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister, supplied legal services in a case in which he was instructed by a lay client pursuant to paragraph 401(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct without complying with Rule 6(a) of the Public Access Rules, in that on or about the 11th May 2013 he supplied legal services to a lay client without having informed the lay client in writing of the fee which he proposed to charge or the basis on which his fee would be calculated.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister, supplied legal services in a case in which he was instructed by a lay client pursuant to paragraph 401(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct without complying with Rule 6(g) of the Public Access Rules, in that o about the 11th May 2013 he supplied legal services to a lay client without having informed the lay client in writing of the fee which he proposed to charge or the basis on which his fee would be calculated.

Tariq Rehman, a barrister, failed to meet all the requirements of Annex S to the Code of Conduct in that he failed to provide to a lay client, who had complained to Kings Court Chambers on about the 29th July 2013 about work done by Tariq Rehman and by another member of chambers, with, together with the acknowledgement of the complaint, (a) the name of the person who would be dealing with the complaint together with that person's role in chambers, and (b) a copy of the Chambers' Complaints Procedure, such failure being serious and thereby constituting professional misconduct by virtue of the nature of the failure, and of its combination with other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct.

SENTENCE: Deferred.

STATUS: Adjourned.