

Ian Macdonald

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, February 1963

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 5th May 2015

In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 404.2 (a) and pursuant to paragraphs 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

Ian Macdonald QC, 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 the name of Tariq Rehman under the Public Access Rules by means of a client care letter being sent to the lay client bearing the name Tariq Rehman 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.

Ian Macdonald QC, 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.

Ian Macdonald QC, 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 without the lay client being provided 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, (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

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SENTENCE: No Further Action.

STATUS: Open to Appeal.