

Simon Sherriff

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, November 1999

TYPE OF HEARING: 3 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 21 March 2017

In breach of

Core Duty 5, Core Duty 9 and rC64.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1st Edition).

Details of Offence

Simon Sherriff engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that on the 7th December 2014, he drove a motor vehicle on a road after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion in his breath, namely 58 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millimetres of breath, exceeded the prescribed limit, contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988. For which he was convicted at North West London Magistrates' Court on the 11th September 2015. He received a sentence of a fine of £1000 and was disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for 16 months (to be reduced by four months if by the 10th July 2016, he satisfactorily completed a course approved by the Secretary of State).

Simon Sherriff failed to provide promptly or at all information to the Bar Standards Board (BSB) which it requested from him for the purpose of its regulatory functions in that the BSB in its letter of the 24th November 2015 requested that Simon Sherriff update the BSB on a monthly basis with information about hearing dates and outcomes in respect of his appeal against his conviction of the 11th September 2015 at North West London Magistrates' Court. He failed to provide updates in December 2015 and January 2016 and did not provide any updates until the 26th February 2016 after he had abandoned his appeal on the 19th February 2016.

Simon Sherriff failed to promptly provide the Bar Standards Board (BSB) with information which it requested from him for the purpose of its regulatory functions. The BSB in its letter of the 16th May 2016 and email of the 17th May 2016 and letter and email of the 3rd June 2016 requested Simon Sherriff's written comments about a complaint against him by the 7th June 2016. He failed to provide his written response until the 8th August 2016.

SENTENCE: Reprimanded. Fined £250.

STATUS: Final.