

The Council of the Inns of Court

A barrister of 5 years standing at the time of the alleged offences answered two charges concerning his conduct during court proceedings.

- Charge 1 was a charge of professional misconduct contrary to Core Duty 1 and rC3.1 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th edition) as set out in the Bar Standards Board Handbook.
- Charge 2 was a charge of professional misconduct contrary to Core Duty 1 and rC3.1 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th edition) as set out in the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

The barrister denied both charges.

At the hearing, both the BSB and the barrister were represented by counsel. Each party submitted written opening submissions.

There were no live witnesses apart from the respondent.

Each party made full submissions on the facts and the law. All the primary facts were agreed.

After deliberation, the Tribunal found that both charges were not proved to the relevant (criminal) standard on the evidence. Accordingly, both charges were dismissed.

The hearing lasted a full day. There were no further applications.