

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

KELLY FERNANDEZ-LEE

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple [2002]

Type of hearing: 3-person Tribunal

Date of decision: 30 January 2024

Charges:

Charge 1

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 and rC8 (integrity) of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (version 4.6).

Particulars of Offence

Ms Kelly Fernandez-Lee, a barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in her or in the profession and did something which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine her integrity, in that, on 28 July 2022, she drove a motor vehicle on a road after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in her breath, namely 136 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, exceeded the prescribed limit of 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. On 25 January 2023, she was convicted of an offence contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

Charge 2

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 and rC8 (integrity) of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (version 4.6).

Particulars of Offence

Ms Kelly Fernandez-Lee, a barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in her or in the profession and did something which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine her integrity, in

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that, on 28 July 2022, while driving a motor vehicle on a road, she failed to stop after an accident occurred whereby damage was caused to another vehicle. On 25 January 2023, she was convicted of an offence contrary to section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Findings:

Charge 1	Admitted
Charge 2	Admitted

Sanction:

£10,00 fine and reprimand on both charges. Costs of £1,560 awarded to the Bar Standards Board.