



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

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## Disciplinary Tribunal

**Mr Alan Wheetman**

**Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, 1995.**

**Type of hearing: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal**

**Date of decision: 10 February 2025**

**In breach of:**

**Charge 2**

### **Statement of Offence**

Professional misconduct, contrary to CD5 of the Conduct Rules (Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board's Handbook – Version 4.6).

### **Particulars of Offence**

**Alan Wheetman**, a barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession, in that, on or round 2 August 2022, while at a Magistrates' Court or thereafter, Mr Wheetman,

- (i) asked Person A if her eyelashes were real,
- (ii) told Person A that he had done his own "stalking" on Facebook and found her profile,
- (iii) showed Person A photographs of semi-nude women, on his photography webpage on the Purpleport website,

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- (iv) offered to take photographs of Person A, with the suggestion that the modelling could be without clothing, with words to the effect of “you don’t have to start with fanny or minge shots, we could do face pictures and then do a bit more if you want”,
- (v) offered to provide Person A a link to his photography webpage which contained photographs of semi-nude women,
- (vi) sent Person A a link to his photography webpage which contained photographs of semi-nude women.

**Findings:**

Charge 2	Proved
Charge 6	Dismissed – no case to answer
Charge 9	Dismissed
Charge 13	Dismissed – no case to answer
Charge 16	BSB offered no evidence

**Sanction:**

The BSB should not issue a practicing certificate for 24 months, to take effect immediately. If returning to the Bar Mr Wheetman will need to take a BSB approved EDI course and the panel express their concern at him taking a pupil supervisor role in the future. Costs of £3000 including VAT payable to the BSB.