



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

**Mr Ravi Sidhu**

**Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, February 1988.**

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

**Date of decision: 24 November 2025**

### **Charges:**

#### **Charge 1**

##### **Statement of Offence**

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 3 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), Bar Standards Board Handbook (Version 4.6).

##### **Particulars of Offence**

Ravi Sidhu, a barrister, acted dishonestly in that, having been instructed on or about 14 May 2021 to act for a client in respect of an inquest, those instructions having been provided by the client's solicitors through chambers, he subsequently issued no more than five invoices on chambers' letterhead outside of the chambers system as set out in the attached Schedule, that directed the fees be paid into an account in his name, and in doing so, dishonestly avoided and/or sought to avoid his financial obligations to chambers at the time of issuing the invoices and/or at the time of receipt of payment for work done, which was due to chambers in the form of 'rent', and which would have totalled no more than £6,593 net on the fees as billed.

#### **Charge 2 (in the alternative to Charge 1)**

##### **Statement of Offence**

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Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 3 and/or Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), Bar Standards Board Handbook (Version 4.6).

#### **Particulars of Offence**

Ravi Sidhu, a barrister, failed to act with integrity and/or acted in a manner which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or the profession, and/or acted in a manner which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that, having been instructed on or about 14 May 2021 to act for a client in respect of an inquest, those instructions having been provided by the client's solicitors through chambers, he subsequently issued no more than five invoices on chambers' letterhead outside of the chambers system as set out in the attached Schedule, that directed the fees be paid into an account in his name, and in doing so, avoided and/or sought to avoid his financial obligations to chambers at the time of issuing the invoices and/or at the time of receipt of payment for work done, which was due to chambers in the form of 'rent', and which would have totalled no more than £6,593 net on the fees as billed.

#### **Charge 3**

#### **Statement of Offence**

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 3 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), Bar Standards Board Handbook (Version 4.6).

#### **Particulars of Offence**

Ravi Sidhu, a barrister, acted dishonestly in that, having been instructed on or about 14 May 2021 to act for a client in respect of an inquest, those instructions having been provided by the client's solicitors through chambers, he subsequently issued no more than five invoices on chambers' letterhead outside of the chambers system as set out in the attached Schedule, and in doing so dishonestly created the misleading impression to the client and/or the instructing solicitor, that the matter was being conducted through Chambers.

#### **Charge 4 (in the alternative to Charge 3)**

#### **Statement of Offence**

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 3 and/or Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), Bar Standards Board Handbook (Version 4.6).

#### **Particulars of Offence**

Ravi Sidhu, a barrister, failed to act with integrity and/or acted in a manner which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or the profession, and/or acted in a manner which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that, having been instructed on or about 14 May 2021 to act for a client in respect of an inquest, those instructions having been provided by the client's solicitors through chambers, he subsequently issued no more than five invoices on chambers' letterhead outside of the chambers system as set out in the attached Schedule, and in doing so created the misleading impression to the client and/or the instructing solicitor, that the matter was being conducted through Chambers.

### Findings:

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| Charge 1 | Proved             |
| Charge 2 | Alternative Charge |
| Charge 3 | Proved             |
| Charge 4 | Alternative Charge |

### Sanction:

Disbarment.

The BSB are ordered not to issue Mr Sidhu with a practicing certificate pending any appeal.

Costs of £3,000 payable to the BSB.