



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

Mr Jonathan French

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, November 1997.

Type of hearing: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal.

Date of decision: 19 November 2025.

Charge:

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to paragraph Core Duty 5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition, Version 4.6).

Particulars of Offence

Mr French engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession, contrary to Core Duty 5, in that on or about 27 March 2023, he:

1. assaulted Person A in a way that amounted to actual bodily harm contrary to s. 47 Offences Against the Person Act 1861;
2. assaulted Person B in way that amounted to common assault contrary to s.39 Criminal Justice Act 1988;
3. damaged a mobile phone in a way that amounted to criminal damage contrary to s1(1) Criminal Damage Act 1971;

to which on 25 July 2023 he pleaded guilty before the Crown Court sitting at Newcastle.

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Findings:

Charge 1	Proved
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Sanction:

Reprimand.

Costs payable to the BSB in the sum of £7,916.20-£8,266.20 (exact amount TBC).