



Disciplinary Tribunal

John HUNTER

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn

Type of hearing: 5 person Tribunal

Date of decision: 24 July 2026

Charges:

Charge 1

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), contained in Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (versions 4.6 & 4.7).

Particulars of Offence

John Hunter, a barrister, behaved in a way that was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession when, between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023, he did not comply with his continuing professional development (CPD) obligations, in that he failed to undertake CPD in the 2023 calendar year.

Charge 2

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to rQ133 of the Bar Qualification Rules of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), contained in Part 4 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (Versions 4.6 & 4.7).

Particulars of Offence

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John Hunter, an EPP barrister under rQ130.4, between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023, did not comply with his continuing professional development (CPD) obligations, in that he failed to undertake CPD in the 2023 calendar year.

Charge 3

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 3, Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition), contained in Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (Version 4.7).

Particulars of Offence

John Hunter, a barrister, acted without honesty and/or integrity, and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his honesty and/or integrity, which conduct was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession in that, on or around 3 April 2024, he declared to the Bar Standards Board in his 2024 Authorisation to Practise that his continuing professional development (CPD) was up to date and/or that he had completed CPD form the 2023 calendar year, when this was not true.

Findings:

Charge 1	Admitted
Charge 2	Admitted
Charge 3	Admitted

Sanction:

The Tribunal suspended Mr Hunter for 3 months. No immediate order imposed.

Costs:

£3,000 payable to the BSB