



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

Timothy Becker

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, 1992.

Type of hearing: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal.

Date of decision: 4th June 2026.

Charges:

Charge 2

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Code of Conduct (Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board's Handbook, Versions 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8).

Particulars of Offence

Timothy Becker, 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 when he failed to make monthly payments in a timely manner, as agreed, following a decision of the Legal Ombudsman dated 5 May 2023.

Charge 4

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 9 of the Code of Conduct and rC71 of the Conduct Rules (Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board's Handbook, Versions 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8).

Particulars of Offence

Timothy Becker, a barrister, failed to be open and cooperative with his regulator, and failed to give all reasonable assistance requested by the Legal Ombudsman, when between 27 June 2024 and 5 November 2024, he:

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B) Failed to respond to the Legal Ombudsman's requests of him in a timely manner, or at all. below a reasonable standard.

Charge 6

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Code of Conduct (Part 2 of the Bar Standards Board's Handbook, Version 4.7 and 4.8).

Particulars of Offence

Timothy Becker, 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 when, following the Legal Ombudsman's finding that the service to his client fell below a reasonable standard, in correspondence with the client, he made the following comments which, taken individually or cumulatively, were unacceptable, insulting or rude in tone and/or content:

A) On 17 December 2023 he sent an email in which he criticised the decision of the Legal Ombudsman, and made unsubstantiated comments, namely that the decision lacks legal merit and is "perverse in the extreme";

B) In the same email he made unfounded allegations that the decision of the caseworker at the Legal Ombudsman was made based on an agenda the caseworker had against him;

C) On 22 December 2024, after receiving the Order for Recovery of Award from the Wandsworth County Court, he sent an email in which he threatened to take legal action against his former client to recover his fees despite the Legal Ombudsman's decision that his service had fallen below a reasonable standard.

Full details of charges

Findings:

Charge 1	Dismissed
Charge 2	Proved
Charge 3	Dismissed
Charge 4 (A)	Dismissed
Charge 4 (B)	Partially admitted in relation to the date range from 27 June 2024 to 5 November 2024.
Charge 5	Dismissed
Charge 6	Proved

Sanction:

The Tribunal issued a fine of £3,000 and directed that Mr Becker complete two courses by 31st December 2026, the details of which will be set out in the full Report of Finding and Sanction to follow.

The Tribunal awarded costs in the sum £3, 870 payable to the BSB.