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The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

Paul Wynell-Sutherland

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, October 2000.

Type of hearing: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal.

Date of decision: 12th June 2026.

Charges:

Charge 1

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (versions 4.0 and 4.1).

Particulars of Offence

Paul Wynell-Sutherland, a dual capacity 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 26 June 2019, he:

drove a motor vehicle on a road after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath was 116 microgrammes per 100 millilitres of breath, which exceeded the prescribed limit of 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath; and he failed to stop the vehicle on being required to do so by a constable in uniform.

For this conduct, on 25 July 2019, he was convicted of offences under sections 5(1)(a) and 163(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

Charge 2

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Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct contrary to rC65.2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (versions 4.1 to 4.8).

Particulars of Offence

Paul Wynell-Sutherland failed to report promptly to the Bar Standards Board that on 25 July 2019 he had been convicted of the offences detailed in Charge 1.

Charge 3

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (version 4.6).

Particulars of Offence

Paul Wynell-Sutherland, a dual capacity 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 8 March 2023, he:

drove a motor vehicle on a road while disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence; and when suspected of having driven a motor vehicle on a road and/or having been in charge of a motor vehicle on a road whilst unfit through drink and having been required to provide a specimen of breath for analysis failed without reasonable excuse to do so.

For this conduct, on 26 February 2024, he was convicted of offences under sections 7(6) and 103(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

Charge 4

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (version 4.6).

Particulars of Offence

Paul Wynell-Sutherland, a dual capacity 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 13 May 2023, he drove a motor vehicle on a road while disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence; and on 14 May 2023, when suspected of having driven a vehicle and having been required to provide a specimen or specimens of breath for analysis failed without reasonable excuse to do so.

For this conduct, on 26 February 2024, he was convicted of offences under sections 7(6) and 103(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

Charge 5

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct contrary to rC65.2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (versions 4.7 and 4.8).

Particulars of Offence

Paul Wynell-Sutherland failed to report promptly to the Bar Standards Board that on 26 February 2024 he had been convicted of the offences detailed in Charges 3 and 4.

Findings:

Charge 1	Admitted
Charge 2	Admitted
Charge 3	Admitted
Charge 4	Admitted
Charge 5	Admitted

Sanction:

Disbarment.

Mr Wynell-Sutherland is suspended from practice immediately pending the appeal period against his disbarment.

The Tribunal made no order for costs.