

Steven Pidcock

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, November 1996

TYPE OF HEARING: 3 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 09 December 2013

In breach of

Contrary to paragraph 301(a)(iii) and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

P, an employed barrister, on occasions between about October 2011 and March 2012 engaged in conduct which was discreditable to a barrister and/or likely to bring the profession into disrepute contrary to paragraph 301(a)(iii) by shouting and swearing at his pupil, asking her whether she was saying that she was incompetent, calling her Paul's Magistrates Court bitch and/or accusing her of double crossing him and colluding with their employer. The specific allegations that found this allegation are made up of the cumulative effect of the following:

- (1) At Barkingside Magistrates Court in or around October 2011, in a phone call, P was aggressive, shouted, announced he would no longer be her pupil supervisor and put down the phone on her;
- (2) On the 17th November 2011 P constantly shouted at her on the telephone and put the phone down on her when she was seeking his advice;
- (3) On the 1st January 2012 in a phone call, P was aggressive and abusive, saying to her "I don't know what's f*****g wrong with you – what are you playing at" or words as close to that as can reasonably be recalled;
- (4) On the 3rd January 2012, in the board room at the DPP office in Romford, P shouted and swore at her and asked her in the presence of others whether she was claiming to be incompetent;
- (5) A few days after the incident of the 3rd January, P by phone, shouted at her for not completing her attendance notes;
- (6) On the 13th January 2012, by text message, P said to her, "I know you are out getting pissed with your silly mates...I don't know what's f*****g wrong with you...are you f*****g mental...I'm f*****g ripping with you" or words as close to that as can reasonably be recalled;

(7) On the 16th January 2012, in a McDonald's restaurant, P falsely accused her in public of lying to him;

(8) On the 27th January 2012 by phone, on the 18th February 2012 (both in a text message and in a face to face conversation) and on other dates she cannot specify, P accused her of "double crossing" him and "colluding" with members of staff at the DPP;

(9) On the 18th February 2012 and on other dates she cannot specify, P called her "Paul's Magistrates Court bitch".

SENTENCE: Fined £5000.

STATUS: Open to Appeal.