

# Mohammed Arif Riaz

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by the Middle Temple, October 2009

**TYPE OF HEARING:** 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

**DATE OF DECISION:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## **In breach of**

Contrary to paragraphs 301(a)(i) and 902 and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

## **Details of Offence**

Mohammed Riaz engaged in conduct discreditable to a barrister, in that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011, he recklessly acted in a manner likely to endanger a West Midland Police helicopter or any person therein, by shining a green laser pen at the cockpit of the helicopter, contrary to Articles 137 and 241(8) of, and Part D of Schedule 13 to, the Air Navigation Order 2009 made pursuant to sections 60 and 61 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, of which he was convicted on a guilty plea at the Birmingham Crown Court and sentenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 to 8 months imprisonment.

Mohammed Riaz made a declaration on Call to the Bar which was false in a material respect, in that on his Call Declaration Form submitted to his Inn dated the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, he declared that the declaration which he had made for the purpose of obtaining admission as a student member of his Inn was true and accurate in every respect when he made it, whereas in his Application Form For Admission As A Student Member of The Middle Temple dated the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008, he declared that he had not ever been convicted of any relevant criminal offence, whereas he had in fact been convicted, on guilty pleas on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004 in the Birmingham Crown Court, of two counts of handling stolen goods contrary to section 22(1) of the Theft Act 1968, and on a guilty plea on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2003 in Birmingham Magistrates' Court, of theft contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968.

Mohammed Riaz engaged before Call in conduct which was dishonest and which was not, before Call, fairly disclosed in writing to the Benchers of the Inn calling him, in that on two occasions between the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004 and the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 he dishonestly received stolen goods, contrary to section 22(1) of the Theft Act 1968, of which offences he was convicted on guilty pleas at the Birmingham Crown Court and sentenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004 to a Community Punishment Order of 180 hours duration, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2003, he committed theft (shoplifting), of which offence he was convicted on a guilty plea at the Birmingham Magistrates Court and sentenced on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2003 to an Attendance Centre Order of 12 hours duration.

**SENTENCE:** Disbarred.

**STATUS:** Final.