



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

### JONATHAN RODGER

**Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, November 1999**

**Type of hearing: 3/5 Person Tribunal**

**Date of decision: 28 June 2023**

#### **In breach of:**

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standard Board Handbook

#### **Details of Offence:**

Mr Jonathan Rodger, 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 in that between mid-September 2018 and 29 January 2020 he engaged in conduct as particularised in Schedule 1. The conduct amounts to:

Unwanted direct and/or indirect contact with Person A which amounted to unwanted conduct related to Person A's sex, which had the purpose or effect of violating Person A's dignity, or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for Person A.

On 21 September 2018, Mr Jonathan Rodger, 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 by eavesdropping on a meeting of his Chambers Management Committee

(a) without permission; and

(b) listened into the call without the knowledge of call participants.

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Mr Jonathan Rodger, 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 in that in or around October 2016, he disclosed Person B's personal mobile telephone number to a male friend without her consent.

Mr Jonathan Rodger, 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 in that on 16 November 2018, in Person B's Chambers office ("the Office") and following a heated discussion with Person B and when told by her to "get out of my office", or words to that effect, Mr Rodger then: (1) kicked a book away from the office door which was holding the door shut; (2) refused to leave the office and Person B had to yell at him to leave her office and not close the door; and (3) left the office, slamming the office door on his way out.

**Sanction:** Suspended for 2 Years and 6 Months. Fined £500, £2000, £500 [total £3000]. Should not be allowed to have a Pupil in the future. Costs of £7, 800 to be paid to the BSB. Fines and costs to be paid within 3 months.

**Status:** Open to Appeal.