

# Bruce Tattersall

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, October 1997

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

**DATE OF DECISION:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 905(f), 202(c), 302 and 301(a)(iii) and pursuant to paragraphs 901.7 and 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

## Details of Offence

Bruce Tattersall, a barrister, failed to comply in due time with a sentence imposed on him by a Disciplinary Tribunal on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, pursuant to the Disciplinary Tribunal Regulations 2009 that he pay costs of £781.50 by the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010, in that he failed to pay the said sum by the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 or at all, contrary to paragraph 905(f) of the Code of Conduct.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Bruce Tattersall failed to comply with the sentence of suspension imposed on him by a Disciplinary Tribunal on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in that he appeared in Woolwich Crown Court as a barrister conducting reserved legal activity at a time when he was suspended from practising as a barrister by order of the Disciplinary Tribunal dated the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, suspending him from practise for two years, commencing the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

On dates between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, Bruce Tattersall failed to comply with the sentence of suspension imposed on him by a Disciplinary Tribunal on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in that he drafted grounds of appeal in the case of Regina v Abderahim Teladjati, which grounds he prepared for submission to the Court of Appeal, at a time when he was suspended from practising as a barrister by order of the Disciplinary Tribunal dated the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. This order suspended Mr Tattersall from practise until such time as he paid the sum of £2704 to the Bar Standards Board, which sum, as at the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013, remained outstanding and therefore Mr Tattersall was suspended from practice at all material times.

Bruce Tattersall practised as a barrister between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 without having a practising certificate issued by the Bar Council contrary to paragraph 202(c) of the Code of Conduct and Practising Certificate Regulations (Annex D of the Code of Conduct). This failure was serious and therefore constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct by virtue of its nature and extent, given that Mr Tattersall was suspended from practise at the relevant time and by virtue of previous failures by Mr Tattersall to comply with the same provision of the Code of Conduct, namely paragraph 202(c), in 2007 and 2008.

On a date between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, Mr Tattersall prepared grounds of appeal in the case of Regina v Abderahim Teladjati and sent them to his instructing solicitor, Mr Alabi of Advocates Solicitors, with the intention that the grounds of appeal should be forwarded to the Court of Appeal, in circumstances where Mr Tattersall knew or ought to have known that he was suspended from practice and that he did not have a practising certificate issued by the Bar Council at the relevant time. Mr Tattersall therefore knowingly or recklessly misled the court that he was a practising barrister contrary to paragraph 302 of the Code of Conduct.

On dates between the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012, Bruce Tattersall failed to comply with the sentence of suspension imposed on him by a Disciplinary Tribunal on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in that he appeared at Snaresbrook Crown Court as a barrister conducting reserved legal activity at a time when he was suspended from practising as a barrister by order of the Disciplinary Tribunal dated the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 suspending him from practising until such time as all outstanding fines, financial penalties and costs had been satisfactorily paid to the Bar Standards Board which, as at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 remained outstanding.

Bruce Tattersall, contrary to paragraph 202(c) of the Code of Conduct and Annex D of the Code of Conduct, practised as a barrister and carried out reserved legal activities between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 without having a practising certificate issued by the Bar Council. This failure was serious and therefore constituted professional misconduct pursuant to paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct by virtue of its nature and extent in that: i) Mr Tattersall was suspended from practice at the relevant time; 2) Practising without a practising certificate constituted a criminal offence pursuant to s14 of the Legal Services Act 2007 and 3) Mr Tattersall had previously failed to comply with the same provision of the Code of Conduct, namely paragraph 202(c), in 2007 and 2008.

Bruce Tattersall, on days between the 1<sup>st</sup> November and the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, engaged in conduct likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute in that he appeared before the Crown Court at Snaresbrook in the case of Regina v Mounssi and Teladjati T20120621, while he was suspended from practice and did not have a practising certificate.

**SENTENCE:** PC 2011/0023/D5 - 12 months Suspension / PC 2012/0022/D5 – Disbarred  
PC 2012/0470/D5 - 1) 9 months Suspension; 2) 12 months Suspension; 3) 9 months Suspension (to run concurrently) / PC 2013/0159/D5 – 1) Disbarred; 2) Disbarred; 4) Disbarred.

**STATUS:** Final.