

# Merilyn Brown

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, July 2007

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

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

## In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 301(a)(i) and 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

Merilyn Brown, a barrister, engaged in conduct which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister in that with the intention of making a financial gain and/or an advantage for herself in obtaining part-time employment:

- (1) In or about June/July 2012, Merilyn Brown completed and submitted a written application form for employment as Head of Legal Services with Whittington Health, Whittington Hospital NHS Trust, in which she:
  - a. falsely replied “No” to the question “Have you ever been dismissed from previous employment?”, when she had been dismissed in or about September 2010 as Head of Complaints and Litigation at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital NHS Trust;
  - b. falsely stated that her reason for leaving Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital NHS Trust was it was an “interim role”;
  - c. falsely certified that the information given by her on the application form for employment was correct.
- (2) At interview for the post of Head of Legal Services on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012, Merilyn Brown did not correct any of the above matters in (1) above.

Merilyn Brown, a barrister, engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute in that with the intention of making a financial gain and/or an advantage for herself in obtaining part time employment:

- (1) In or about June/July 2012, Marilyn Brown completed and submitted a written application form for employment as Head of Legal Services with Whittington Health, Whittington Hospital NHS Trust, in which she:
  - a. falsely replied “No” to the question “Have you ever been dismissed from previous employment previous employment?”, when she had been dismissed in or about September 2010 as Head of Complaints and Litigation at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital NHS Trust;
  - b. falsely stated that her reason for leaving Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital NHS Trust was it was an “interim role”;
  - c. falsely certified that the information given by her on the application form for employment was correct.
  
- (2) At interview for the post of Head of Legal Services on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012, Marilyn Brown did not correct any of the above matters in (1) above.

Merilyn Brown, a barrister, engaged in conduct which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister in that on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Merilyn Brown informed Jennie Williams, Assistant Director of Nursing and Patient Experience at Whittington Hospital NHS Trust, that she was working at Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, Harlow, in a part-time capacity only when in truth she was working full-time at Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust with one day a week working from home.

**SENTENCE:** Disbarred.

**STATUS:** Final.