

Soma Sengupta

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, July 2008

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 10th March 2016

In breach of

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

Details of Offence

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SENTENCE: Disbarred.

STATUS: Final.