

Peter Murphy QC

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn, November 1980

TYPE OF HEARING: 3 person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 26 March 2013

In breach of

Paragraphs 901.4, 202(b), 901.2 and 905(d) of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

Charge 1:

Peter Murphy QC, a barrister who held a practising certificate for the year 2009, failed to complete the prescribed 12 hours of continual professional development during that year, contrary to paragraphs 5(a) and 7 of Annex C of the Code of Conduct and, having been informed of the need to complete the hours by letters and emails dated 1 March, 29 March, 13 April, 19 August, 20 August, 4 October and 19 November 2010, 20 February, 19 and 29 March 2012 failed to apply for an extension to take the necessary action to cure non-compliance.

Charge 2:

Peter Murphy QC, having been given 28 days to pay a financial penalty of £300 imposed on him on 5 July 2012 in accordance with paragraph 901.1, failed to pay the said financial penalty by the extended due date of 17 August 2012.

Charge 3:

Peter Murphy QC, a practising barrister failed to respond promptly to requests from the Bar Standards Board for comments in respect of his 2009 CPD, in that he failed to respond to written correspondence from by the Bar Standards Board dated 5 July, 3 August, 17 September and 2 October 2012, such failure being by virtue of its combination with another failure or other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct (being the failures which are the subject of Charges 1 and/or 2 of this Charge Sheet), a serious failure to comply with the provisions of the Code of Conduct within the meaning of paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct, and thereby constituting professional misconduct.

SENTENCE: Charge 1: £300 fine
Charge 2: £900 fine. (£300 administrative fine remains outstanding)
Charge 3: £200

COSTS: £335

STATUS: Final