

Matthew Lawson

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn, November 1995

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 22nd July 2015

In breach of

Contrary to paragraph 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

Matthew Lawson engaged in conduct which was likely to bring the legal profession into disrepute by making each of the following remarks or using the following language to, or in the presence of Ms X on the 1st August 2013:

[i] "Oh I am not looking at you because you are black" [addressing Ms X]; [ii] "the father is as black as the ace of spades" [in reference to his client's father]; [iii] "you nigger bitch" [referring to and addressing Ms X].

SENTENCE: Reprimand. Fined £2000.

STATUS: Open to Appeal.