

# Peter Sefton

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, November 1998

**TYPE OF HEARING:** 3 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

**DATE OF DECISION:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## In breach of

Contrary to Core Duty 5 and Core Duty 9 [and/or Rule rC65.2 and rC65.3] of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition).

## Details of Offence

Peter Sefton engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him as a barrister or in the barristers profession in that on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 he was convicted at Craigavon Magistrates Court [Northern Ireland] of the harassment of X, contrary to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protection from Harassment [Northern Ireland] Order of 1997. He received a sentence of 3 months imprisonment, suspended for 2 years, and was ordered to pay £3,000 compensation, and a restraining order was put in place.

Peter Sefton failed to co-operate with his regulator and comply with the obligations under Rule rC65.2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook in that he failed to report his conviction of the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for harassment to the Bar Standards Board promptly or at all.

Peter Sefton failed to co-operate with his regulator and comply with the obligations under Rule rC65.3 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook in that he failed to report the finding of the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar of Northern Ireland, against him, to the Bar Standards Board promptly or at all.

**SENTENCE:** 3 Months Suspension. Fined £400.

**STATUS:** Final.