

# Tariq Rehman

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, March 2000

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

**DATE OF DECISION:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 / 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

## **In breach of**

Contrary to paragraph 404.2(a) and pursuant to paragraphs 901.5 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition) and Core Duty 10 and rC89 of the Conduct Rules in the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition).

## **Details of Offence**

Tariq Rehman, as Head of Chambers at Kings Court Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were administered competently and efficiently and were properly staffed in that a payment of £1,100 due to a lay client as a refund of fees was delayed from March 2012 to August 2012 by reason of administrative incompetence or inefficiency of Tariq Rehman or staff employed by him, and the failure to comply with paragraph 404.2(a) of the Code of Conduct was serious by reason of paragraph 901.5(2) c and d of the Code of Conduct.

Tariq Rehman, as Head of Chambers at Kings Court Chambers, and the person responsible for the management of Chambers, failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that his chambers were managed competently and efficiently in that payments of money due to public access clients by way of refund of fees or compensation recommended by the Legal Ombudsman, or agreed, were delayed by administrative incompetence or inefficiency of Tariq Rehman or staff managed by him, namely: (i) it was agreed in November 2013 that £900 was due to a lay client but payment was not made to until May 2014; (ii) £450 was due to a lay client was delayed from June 2014 to September 2014; (iii) £2,900 due to a lay client was delayed from about May 2014 until the present day.

**SENTENCE:** Suspended for 14 months. Prohibited from accepting or carrying out Public Access instructions for 3 years.

**STATUS:** Appeal Dismissed.