

# Dominic Brazil

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, November 1995

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

**DATE OF DECISION:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## In breach of

Contrary to Core Duty 3 rC9.1 and Core Duty 10 rC120 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition).

## Details of Offence

Dominic Brazil failed to act with honesty and integrity in that, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014, and in order to mislead or attempt to mislead his Chambers, he deliberately deleted emails between himself and a lay client that evidenced several payments [totalling £16,500] from the lay client's private bank account, and falsely claimed that he had acted for the lay client on a pro bono basis.

Dominic Brazil undertook the general conduct of a lay client's affairs without being instructed by a solicitor, without being properly qualified as a Public Access Practitioner by having satisfactorily completed the appropriate public access training and by registering with the Bar Council as a public access practitioner as required by rC120 of the BSB Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition), in that on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 he accepted instructions from a lay client, to attend a round table meeting on behalf of the lay client on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and to represent the lay client at Worthing County Court between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014, and did so attend such meeting and hearing on those dates, for which appearances his lay client paid Dominic Brazil a total of £16,500.

Dominic Brazil failed to act with honesty and integrity in that, on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 he knowingly misled or attempted to mislead his joint head of chambers about his representation of his lay client and about the payments which he had received directly from his lay client to represent him.

Dominic Brazil failed to act with honesty and integrity in that, from around the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 to the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014, in order to mislead or attempt to mislead his chambers he concealed from his clerks the fact that he was continuing to represent his lay client.

**SENTENCE:** 14 months suspension. Reprimanded.

**STATUS:** Open to Appeal.