

# Dominic D'Souza

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, November 1993

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

**DATE OF DECISION:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 905(b)(iii), 301(a)(i) and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition) and Rule rC64 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition).

## Details of Offence

Dominic D'Souza failed to report promptly to the Bar Standards Board that, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011, he had been convicted before a Magistrates Court of an offence of Driving whilst disqualified, such failure being contrary to paragraph 905 (b) of the Code of Conduct.

Dominic D'Souza between the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012, engaged in conduct which was discreditable to a barrister in that he failed without reasonable excuse to comply with an order of the Hertfordshire Justices, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012, by failing to attend for unpaid work and failing to provide written proof of cover within 7 days of those dates in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, for which failure he was convicted by the Birmingham Justices on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and sentenced on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to a further community order of 240 hours by the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Dominic D'Souza failed to provide promptly all such information or comment to the Bar Standards Board as it may for the purposes of its regulatory functions require in that, between the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015, failed to provide information by the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 which was required within correspondence sent by the Bar Standards Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014, the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**SENTENCE:** 3 Fines of £750, £500 and £1,000 [total of £2,250]. Reprimanded.

**STATUS:** Final.