

Tariq Rehman

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

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 18 May 2016 / 6 September 2016 / 23 November 2016

In breach of

Contrary to paragraphs 301(a)(iii) and/or Core Duty 5, rC125.1, Core Duty 5, rC87.1 and/or Core Duty 10, Core Duty 10, rS16.1 and rC64.1 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition) and the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1st Edition).

Details of Offence

Tariq Rehman, engaged in conduct likely to bring the legal profession into disrepute and/or likely to diminish the trust in confidence which the public places in the legal profession in that: 1) between the 1st February 2012 and the 1st August 2014, numerous complaints against Tariq Rehman were submitted to the Legal Ombudsman which resulted 17 separate awards of compensation in excess of £300 each; 2) on the 9th December 2014, the number of complaints against Tariq Rehman upheld by the Legal Ombudsman during the previous year caused the Legal Ombudsman to issue a press release warning the public of the risks of instructing Tariq Rehman.

On the 25th November 2014, Tariq Rehman, having accepted public access instructions, failed to notify his public access clients in writing in clear and readily understandable terms, of the work which he had agreed to perform.

Between the 6th January 2014 and the 1st December 2014, Tariq Rehman, as Head of Kings Court Chambers, behaved in such a way as was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in the profession in that he caused and/or permitted his chambers to make payments of its expenses and other liabilities in preference to the refunds to which his clients were entitled. As a consequence, by the 1st May 2014, Chambers had failed to pay refunds amounting to a total in excess of £24,000.

Between the 6th January 2014 and the 1st December 2014, Tariq Rehman failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his legal and regulatory obligations in that he failed to pay case fees due to the Legal Ombudsman. By May 2014, he had failed to pay case fees amounting to £10,400. By August 2014 he had failed to pay case fees totalling £13,200.

Between the 6th January 2014 and the 1st December 2014, Tariq Rehman behaved in such a way as was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in the profession in that he failed to pay case fees due to the Legal Ombudsman. By May 2014, he had failed to pay case fees amounting to £10,400. By August 2014 he had failed to pay case fees totalling £13,200.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in the profession by carrying on reserved legal activities through an unregulated entity, namely KC Chambers Limited, in breach of the restrictions imposed by the Legal Services Act 2007.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with this legal and regulatory obligations in that he carried out reserved legal activities through an unregulated entity, namely KC Chambers Limited, in breach of the restrictions imposed by the Legal Services Act 2007.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman carried on reserved legal activities and supplied other legal services through KC Chambers Limited and not as a self-employed barrister subject to the limitations imposed by Section 3.B3 of the Handbook.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in the profession by carrying on reserved legal activities through an unregulated entity, namely HLT Chambers Limited, in breach of the restrictions imposed by the Legal Services Act 2007.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with this legal and regulatory obligations in that he carried out reserved legal activities through an unregulated entity, namely HLT Chambers Limited, in breach of the restrictions imposed by the Legal Services Act 2007.

Between the 1st May 2014 and the 27th November 2014, Tariq Rehman carried on reserved legal activities and supplied other legal services through HLT Chambers Limited and not as a self-employed barrister subject to the limitations imposed by Section 3.B3 of the Handbook.

Tariq Rehman failed to provide the information requested by a letter from the Bar Standards Board Supervision Team dated the 23rd December 2014.

SENTENCE: Disbarred.

STATUS: Appeal Refused.