

# Peter Barnett

**CALL/INN:** Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, March 2007

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

**DATE OF DECISION:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## In breach of

Contrary to Core Duty 5 and Core Duty 9 rC65 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) and paragraph 301 and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) .

## Details of Offence

Peter Barnett, an unregistered barrister, engaged in conduct likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession and engaged in conduct, whether in pursuit of his profession or otherwise, which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister; and otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute, in that, between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014, he committed fare evasion by dishonestly representing at Marylebone Station that he had travelled one stop into and out of London. Such representations were, to his knowledge, false. In respect of this conduct, Dr Barnett was, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, convicted of six offences of fraud by misrepresentation contrary to sections 1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006, sentenced to 16 weeks imprisonment [suspended for 12 months] and ordered to pay compensation of £5892.

Peter Barnett failed to report promptly to the Bar Standards Board, as required by CD9 and rC65.1, that he had been charged on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 on six counts with an indictable offence, namely committing fraud at Marylebone Station between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in dishonestly making a false representation that he had travelled one stop into and out of London.

**SENTENCE:** Disbarred.

**STATUS:** Final.