

Michael Wolkind QC

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Middle Temple, October 1976

TYPE OF HEARING: 3 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 31st January 2017

In breach of

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook and paragraph 301(a)(iii) of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

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SENTENCE: Reprimanded. Fined £1,000.

STATUS: Open to Appeal.