

Oliver White

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, November 2001

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 8th May 2017

In breach of:

Core Duty 3 and rC64.2, Core Duty 5 and rC64.2 and Core Duty 9 and rC64.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook (2nd Edition).

Details of Offence

Oliver White, a registered barrister, failed to act with honesty and integrity in that he accepted and / or carried out direct access instructions whilst prohibited by order of the Disciplinary Tribunal ('DT') dated the 3rd June 2015. The order prohibiting direct access work was for a period of six months and took effect following the pronouncement of the Council of the Inns of Court on the 26th June 2015. Mr White acted as Counsel for 2 lay clients in a matter in the County Court at Central London, instructed under the public access scheme. The diary entry and Schedule of Costs indicates that Mr White undertook work including a preliminary conference in Chambers on a date between the 15th July and the 3rd August 2015.

Oliver White, a registered barrister, acted in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that he accepted and/or carried out direct access instructions whilst prohibited by an order of a DT dated the 3rd June 2015. The order prohibiting direct access work was for a period of six months and took effect following the pronouncement of the Council of the Inns of Court on the 26th June 2015. Mr White acted as Counsel for 2 lay clients in a matter in the County Court at Central London, instructed under the public access scheme. The diary entry and Schedule of Costs indicates that Mr White undertook work including a preliminary conference in Chambers on a date between the 15th July and the 3rd August 2015.

Oliver White, a registered barrister, failed to promptly or at all provide the Bar Standards Board ('BSB') with information, which it requested from him, for the purpose of its regulatory functions, in that he failed to provide his written comments on the complaint raised by the BSB. Mr White's written comments were sought by the BSB in its letter and email of the 18th March 2016, letter and email dated the 11th May 2016, and the email dated the 13th May 2016.

SENTENCE: Charges 1 and 2 - 18 Months Suspension; Charge 3 - 6 Months Suspension to run concurrently.

STATUS: Final.