

Peter Collins

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn, October 1993

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 18th May 2017

In breach of

Core Duty 2, Core Duty 5 and Core Duty 10 and Rs24.3(a) (iii) and rC125 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence

Peter Collins failed to act with honesty and integrity in that between the 6th January 2014 and the 3rd August 2016 he dishonestly failed to inform 4 King's Bench Walk Chambers of the fees which he had received in respect of 32 public access cases particularised in the List of Cases marked "Schedule A" and he thereafter dishonestly failed to pay Chambers the total sum of £4,236.00 which he was legally liable to pay to Chambers in respect of such fees.

Peter Collins behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession, in that on or about the 18th March 2014, he produced or caused to be produced and then sent to his instructing solicitor a fee note in respect of a case which was false in that it purported to be a fee note produced by or on behalf of 4 Kings Bench Walk Chambers, when the fee note was not produced by or on behalf of 4 King's Bench Walk Chambers.

Peter Collins failed to comply with the Public Access Rules between the 6th January 2014 and the 3rd August 2016, when acting in his capacity as a self-employed barrister, supplied legal services in the 28 cases particularised in the List of Cases marked "Schedule B", which cases were public access work, in that, in accepting public access instructions in each of those 28 cases, did not forthwith notify each of his public access clients in those cases in writing in clear and readily understandable terms, of any or all of the matters set out in rC125.1 to Rc125.9, whether in a letter written in accordance with Rc126 or otherwise.

SENTENCE: Disbarred. 2 x 3 months Suspension [concurrent]. Suspension of Practising Certificate from the 22nd May 2017.

STATUS: Final.