

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

PETER WAREING

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, October 2004

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 26 February 2018

In breach of:

Core Duties 10 and 5 and Rules rS20 and rC121.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Peter Wareing, being a self-employed barrister, from about July 2015 to about 1 February 2017 supplied legal services and exercised rights of audience, by supplying legal services i] on or about the 7 July 2015 to Joan Featherstone in proceedings the short title of Chave v Wells & Anor HC2012 000046 & HC2014 001144 and ii] between June 2016 and February 2017 to members of the Metro Inns group of companies in proceedings before the First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) [a] when he was a barrister of less than three years' standing and [b] a sole practitioner and hence when his principal place of practice was not a chambers or annex of chambers which was also the principal place of practice of a relevant qualified person and [c] as a consequence supplied legal services when not authorised to do so and by reason of [a], [b] and [c] above failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his regulatory obligations contrary to Core Duty 10.

Peter Wareing, being a self-employed barrister, from about 25 July 2016 to about 1 February 2017 supplied legal services to members of the Metro Inns group of companies as public access clients in proceedings before the First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) [a] when he was a barrister of less than three years' standing and [b] he did not have a barrister who was a qualified person within Rule rS22 who had registered with the Bar Council as a public access

practitioner readily available to provide guidance to him as a consequence of [a] and [b] above failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his regulatory obligations contrary to Core Duty 10.

Peter Wareing, being a self-employed barrister, from about July 2015 to about 1 February 2017 supplied legal services by i] on or about the 7 July 2015 to Joan Featherstone in proceedings the short title of Chave v Wells & Anor HC2012 000046 & HC2014 001144 and ii] between June 2016 and February 2017 to members of the Metro Inns group of companies in proceedings before the First Tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) [a] when he was a barrister of less than three years' standing and [b] a sole practitioner and hence when his principal place of practice was not a chambers or annex of chambers which was also the principal place of practice of a relevant qualified person and [c] as a consequence supplied legal services when not authorised to do so and [d] did not have a barrister who was a qualified person within Rule rS22 who had registered with the Bar Council as a public access practitioner readily available to provide guidance to him when and by reason of [a], [b], [c] and [d] above behaved in a way that is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5.

Sanction: Fined £1,500.

Status: Final.