



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

### FORZ KHAN

**Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, July 1988**

**Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal**

**Date of decision: 22 March 2018**

#### **In breach of:**

Core Duty 3 and 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

#### **Details of offence:**

On 5 February 2016, in the robing room at Stafford Crown Court, Forz Khan broadcasted serious allegations made by a third party, A, against a barrister, M, including allegations of rape, assault and conspiracy to murder; by so acting; [1] he failed to act with integrity [CD3]; [2] he behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession [CD5].

On 23 May 2016, in the robing room at Birmingham Crown Court, Forz broadcasted serious allegations made by a third party, A, against a barrister, M, including allegations of rape, assault and conspiracy to murder; by so acting; [1] he failed to act with integrity [CD3]; [2] he behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession [CD5].

On 7 March 2016, approximately one month after broadcasting allegations which had been made against a barrister, M, Forz Khan contacted M's partner via a professional networking site and made reference to issues concerning M. Forz Khan did not know M or M's partner. By so acting; [1] he failed to act with integrity [CD3]; [2] he behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession [CD5].

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**Sanction:** 7 Months Suspension on each charge to run concurrently.

**Status:** Open to Appeal.