Disciplinary Tribunal

JOHN MITTON ESQ

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, October 2003

Type of hearing: **5 Person Tribunal**

Date of decision: **17 December 2018**

In breach of:

Core Duty 3 and / or rC8 and Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

John Mitton, between February 2015 and March 2016, acted dishonestly and/or with a lack of integrity, and/or, during the same period of time, acted in such a way that could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his honesty and/or integrity, in that he sent a series of emails to his client, which he knew would give that client, or could reasonably be seen by the public to give that client, a misleading impression regarding the progress of his client's case on one or more of the occasions taken singularly or collectively. Namely that, having issued legal proceedings on his client's behalf, John Mitton stated that he had lodged an application to settle such proceedings and sought a hearing date for that purpose, when he had not, in fact, issued any such proceedings, he had not lodged any such application and he did not seek a hearing date.

John Mitton, between February 2015 and March 2016, acted in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the legal profession, in that he sent a series of emails to his client, which he knew would give that client, or could reasonably be seen by the public to give that client, which he knew would give his client a misleading impression regarding the progress of his case, on one or more of the

occasions taken singularly or collectively. Namely that, having issued legal proceedings on his client's behalf, John Mitton stated that he had lodged an application to settle such proceedings and sought a hearing date for that purpose, when he had not, in fact, issued any such proceedings, he had not lodged any such application and he did not seek a hearing date.

Sanction: Disbarred.

Status: Open to Appeal.