Disciplinary Tribunal

ALEXIA ZIMBLER

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln’s Inn, October 1993

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 25 February 2019

In breach of:
Core Duties 5 and/or 10 and rC1 20.1 and rS24 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:
Alexia Zimbler, a self-employed barrister, on or around 2 June 2014 until on or around 13 April 2017, accepted public access instructions directly from a lay client, when she had not completed the appropriate public access training and was not registered with the Br Council to undertake public access work contrary to rC1290.1.

Such conduct being behaviour that is likely to diminish the public’s trust and confidence in a barrister and in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5.

Such conduct also amounts to a failure on Ms Zimbler’s part to take reasonable steps to manage her practice and to carry out her role within her practice competently and a failure to manage her practice in such a way as to achieve compliance with her legal and regulatory obligations contrary to Core Duty 10.

Alex Zimbler, a self-employed barrister, on or around 2 June 2014 until on or around 13 April 2017, supplied legal services to a lay client, without being instructed by a professional or licenced access client. Namely, she: [i] corresponded directly with the complainant and their solicitors on her client’s behalf; [ii] on or around March 2017, interviewed a minor, [iii] represented her client at court hearings on 3 February 2017 and/or 9 February 2017 and [iv] gave legal advice to a lay client.
Such conduct whether individually or taken together being behaviour that is likely to diminish the public’s trust and confidence in a barrister or in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5. Additionally, behaviour being conduct that amounts to a failure on Ms Zimbler’s part to take reasonable steps to manage her practice and to carry out her role within her practice competently and a failure to manage her practice in such a way as to achieve compliance with her legal and regulatory obligations contrary to Core Duty 10.

Sanction: Reprimanded. Advised as to Future Conduct

Status: Final