



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

BERNADETTE MCGURK

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, November 2010

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 22 May 2019

In breach of:

Paragraph 202A and 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales and Core Duty 10 and/or rS6 and/or rS8 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Between 1 August 2012 and 5 January 2014, Bernadette McGurk did not have a practising certificate that had been issued by the Bar Council. Consequently, she was not permitted to carry out any reserved legal activity between those dates. However, she did so. Between those dates Bernadette McGurk carried out reserved legal activities on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Between 6 January 2014 and 11 February 2018 Bernadette McGurk practised as a barrister and/or carried out reserved legal activity when not authorised to do so; in particular on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Between 6 January 2014 and 11 February 2018 Bernadette McGurk failed to take reasonable steps to manage her practice so as to achieve compliance with her legal and regulatory obligations in that she did not hold a practising certificate and so was not authorised by the Bar Standards Board to carry out any reserved legal activity.

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Sanction: Suspended for 6 months on each charge to run concurrently.

Status: Final.