

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

SATVIR AUJLA- SAHOTA

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, July 2003

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 21 September 2019

In breach of:

Core Duty 3 and rule rC9.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Satvir Aujla-Sahota a self-employed barrister ['the Barrister'] on 4 July 2017 deliberately and dishonestly attempted to mislead her Head of Chambers at a meeting attended by the Barrister and the Head of Chambers who was investigating a complaint made against the Barrister by a Solicitors company by stating that:

- a] a document attached to an email she had sent on 28 June 2017 to her then senior clerk, in response to a complaint made on 27 June 2017 by the solicitors on whose instructions the Barrister had acted in relation to a domestic violence case for her lay client, had been sent by the Barrister to the Solicitors on or about 8 June 2017 and was her attendance note relating to her appearance for her client on the instructions of the Solicitors at a hearing on 6 June 2017 in the County Court when
- b] [as the Barrister knew] the document she had attached to her email to her senior clerk had not been sent by the Barrister to the Solicitors; and
- c] [as the Barrister knew] that document was materially different to her attendance note as sent to the Solicitors by email on 8 June 2017, in that the Barrister had changed the date of a further meeting in her client's case, which the Barrister had wrongly recorded in her

original attendance note sent on 8 June 2017 as being on 26 July 2017 had been changed to the correct date 21 June 2017, and

d] in the circumstances where part of the complaint made against the Barrister was that she failed to inform the Solicitors that a further hearing in her client's case had been directed to take place on the 21 June 2017.

Sanction: 12 Months Suspension.

Status: Final.