

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

## **MARK LORRELL**

CALLED TO THE BAR BY: LINCOLN'S INN - NOVEMBER 1999

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 13 November 2019

## In breach of:

Paragraphs 301[a][iii], 301[a][i] and paragraphs 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales [8<sup>th</sup> Edition] and Core Duty 9 and rC65.3 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook

## **Details of offence:**

Mark Lorrell, an unregistered barrister and BSB regulated person, engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the public confidence in the legal profession or in the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute, in that in 2012, Mark Lorrell, who was also qualified as a solicitor and employed by X LLP, acted for two clients, Y and Y1 and in so doing, allowed the firm's client account to be used inappropriately as a banking facility, in breach of the Solicitors Accounts Rules and in such a way as amounted to a failure to act with integrity. Such conduct was found proved by the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal [SDT] in a decision dated 13 September 2016.

Mark **Lorrell**, an unregistered barrister and BSB regulated person, engaged in conduct which was discreditable to a barrister, in that in 2013, Mark Lorrell, who was also qualified as a solicitor and employed by X LLP, acted for two clients, C and S Ltd., in circumstances which amounted to a conflict of interest, both between the two clients and between the interests of

C and of Mark Lorrell and in such a way as amounted to a failure to act with integrity. Such conduct was found proved by the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal [SDT] on 5 July 2018 and confirmed by the appeal court in a decision dated 16 April 2019.

Mark **Lorrell**, an unregistered barrister and BSB regulated person, engaged in conduct which likely to diminish the public confidence in the legal profession or in the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute, in that in 2013, Mark Lorrell, who was also qualified as a solicitor and employed by X LLP, acted for two clients, C and S Ltd., in circumstances which amounted to a conflict of interest, both between the two clients and between the interests of C and of Mark Lorrell and in such a way as amounted to a failure to act with integrity. Such conduct was found proved by the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal [SDT] on 5 July 2018 and confirmed by the appeal court in a decision dated 16 April 2019.

Mark Lorrell, an unregistered barrister and BSB regulated person, failed to be open with his regulator and failed to report promptly to the BSB that regulatory or disciplinary or enforcement action had been taken by another approved regulator, in that the Solicitors Regulation Authority [SRA], and Approved Regulator, took the following action against him which he failed to report to the BSB promptly or at all: 1] in March and September 2016, lodged and served section 5 allegations against him, which allegation included one of dishonesty; 2] in April 2016, issued a control of practice order, placing conditions on his 2015/2016 practising certificate; and 3] in September 2016 took enforcement action which resulted in an order of the SDT being made in August 2016, which ordered him to be suspended from practice for three months.

Sanction: Two Years Suspension [to run concurrently with current SDT Suspension

ending on 7 July 2020] and 3 and 2 months Suspension to run consecutively [ending on 7 October 2020 and 7 December 2020

respectively].

**Status:** Open to Appeal.