



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

### BARBARA HEWSON

**Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, November 1985**

**Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal**

**Date of decision: 18 December 2019**

#### **In breach of:**

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

#### **Details of offence:**

Barbara Hewson behaved in a way which was seriously offensive and likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that between 5 February 2017 and 22 March 2018 she posted tweets on Twitter which were: i] Seriously offensive and/or abusive and/or publicly disparaging towards the complainant, a barrister, including being directed at the complainant's competence and/or reputation as barrister; and/or ii] obscene or seriously offensive in terms of the language used by Ms Hewson; and/or iii] disparaging of the Bar Standards Board's [BSB's] regulatory process or of a regulatory complaint against her or of a complainant and were directed at the BSB's regulatory process itself, thereby undermining public trust and confidence in that regulatory process and thus in the profession.

Barbara Hewson behaved in a way which was seriously offensive and likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that on the 18 September 2018 she posted tweets on Twitter and between 9 December 2018 and 24 February 2019 she wrote and posted blogs about a barrister and about the barrister's daughter, which tweets and blogs were seriously offensive and/or abusive and/or publicly disparaging towards the barrister and her daughter.

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