



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

SIBEL GUMUS

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, July 2012

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 29 September 2021

In breach of:

Core Duties 5, 2 and/or rS8 and rC19.4 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Sibel Gumus, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession and/or practised without a practising certificate, in that she held herself out as a barrister while supplying legal services by sending an email, on the 5 September 2016, from the professional address of her then solicitor employers [London Solicitors LLP] with the designation "LLB Hons – Barrister at Law" beneath her name when she did not have a practising certificate.

Sibel Gumus, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession and/or practised without a practising certificate and/or misled a person to whom she supplied or offered to supply legal services, in that, in or about April 2015, she orally represented to G that she was permitted to act on her behalf as a barrister and would be able to do so by completing and submitting to the Home Office, an application in an immigration matter when she was not permitted to provide such legal services on G's behalf and when she did not have a practising certificate.

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Sibel Gumus, an unregistered barrister, failed to act in the best interests of her client and/or behaved in a way likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession, in that, in or around April 2015 and/or in or around November 2015, she received payment from her client, G, to draft and submit an application in an immigration matter, and she thereafter failed to submit any such application, thereby gaining financially when she should not have done.

Sanction: Reprimand. Fined £2,000. Costs of £3,240.00 to be paid to the Bar Standards Board.

Status: Open to Appeal.