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Disciplinary Tribunal

STEPHEN SWEENEY

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, November 2001

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 09 March 2020

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 and rC8 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Stephen Sweeney, a BSB regulated person, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that on the 27 March 2017, he assaulted X by beating her, for which conduct he was on the 8 March 2018 convicted at the Thames Magistrates Court under section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. Mr Sweeney was sentenced to a Community Rehabilitation Order with a Rehabilitation Activity Requirement to comply with any instructions of the responsible officer to attend appointments, or to participate in any activity as required by the responsible officer up to a maximum of 25 days. Mr Sweeney was also ordered to pay £250 compensation and £500 costs and made subject to an Order; not to contact the victim directly or indirectly.

Stephen Sweeney, a BSB regulated person, acted without integrity, alternatively behaved in a manner which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that on the 27 March 2017, he assaulted X by beating her, for which conduct he was on the 8 March 2018 convicted at the Thames Magistrates Court under section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988. Mr Sweeney was sentenced to a Community Rehabilitation Order with a Rehabilitation Activity Requirement to comply with any instructions of the responsible officer to attend appointments, or to participate in any activity as required by the responsible officer up to a

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Stephen Sweeney, a BSB regulated person, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that on the 8 March 2018, he failed to surrender to custody at Stratford Magistrates Court, having been released on bail on the 27 February 2018, for which conduct he was convicted on the 8 March 2018 at the Thames Magistrates Court of failing to surrender to custody without reasonable cause under the Bail Act 1976 and fined £50 and ordered to be detained in the courthouse for 1 day [detention deemed served by reason of time already spent in custody].

Sanction: Suspended for 4 Months. Reprimanded.

Status: Open to Appeal.