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Disciplinary Tribunal

MARGUERITE RUSSELL

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, July 1972

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 2 June 2020

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Marguerite Russell between 2 February 2016 and 13 April 2016, whilst instructed as counsel for the defence, engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession by acting in a rude and unprofessional manner towards the Judge, during the conduct of a trial by acting in the manner set out in the schedule below and/or saying words or words to the same effect as those set out in the schedule below about the Judge and/or in her hearing, whilst the court was sitting.

- a] On 2 February 2016, at or about 0:00-2:48, by interrupting Prosecution Counsel's submissions and/or continuing to make submissions and/or failing to sit down notwithstanding a request to do so by the Judge;
- b] On 16 February 2016, at or about 0:20-1:10, 5:20-6:10, 7:45-9:25 shouting at the Judge and/or talking over Counsel and/or failing to sit down notwithstanding requests to do so by the Judge;
- c] On 25 February 2016, at or about 18:28-19:15, stating "*this is ridiculous*" following a ruling given by the Judge in response to submissions she had made;

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d] On 2 March 2016, at or about 03:35-6:15, 3:25-4:33, by interrupting the Judge and/or arguing with the Judge when she refused to accede to a submission she made and/or describing the Judge's decision s "*insane*";

e] On 8 March 2016, at or about 0:50-3:40, interrupting and/or arguing with and/or criticising the Judge;

f] On 13 April 2016, at or about 1:15-1:56, 2:13-3:05, interrupting proceedings and/or pulling faces at the Judge and/or acting in a manner that led to her being told to sit down by the Judge.

Sanction: Reprimanded. Fined £1000.

Status: Open to Appeal.