



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

### ANDREW RUTTER

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, July 1990

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 1 July 2020

#### In breach of:

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

#### Details of offence:

Andrew Rutter acted in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity and/or 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 or around the 15 July 2018, he sent an email to a fellow member of Chambers saying: "If you were to persist with your opposition then I will reveal that which you would rather keep secret. You and [a named colleague]. Feel free", whilst in an extreme state of intoxication, which was reasonably interpreted as a threat and an attempt to influence the vote on the tenancy application of a Pupil candidate to join Chambers.

**Sanction:** Reprimanded.

**Status:** Open to Appeal.

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