

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

TIMOTHY BECKER

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, July 1992

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 22 September 2020

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Timothy Becker, a self-employed 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 in that on the 18 August 2018, acting for the defendant in civil proceedings under the public access scheme, sent an email to the claimant in those proceedings, in which he suggested to the claimant that the Deputy District Judge in those proceedings, who happened to be a female and Asian, had only secured her position as a result of 'positive discrimination' in the judicial recruitment process.

Sanction: Reprimanded. Fined £750.00.

Status: Open to Appeal.