



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

PHILIP HARMER

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, November 2014

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 24 September 2020

In breach of:

Rule rS6 and Core Duty 5 and/or rC9.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Philip Harmer, an unregistered barrister and BSB regulated person, carried on a reserved legal activity, namely conducting litigation, when not entitled to do so under the Legal Services Act 2007, in that: i] in or around April 2018, he caused or allowed his name and address to be provided as the address for service for a Claimant on a Claim Form issued in the County Court; ii] on 3 October 2018 he filed and served a Witness Statement and evidence with the County Court on behalf of the Claimant.

Philip Harmer, an unregistered barrister and 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 and/or knowingly made a misleading statement, in that, he made a misleading statement to Google on a Review Deletion Request Form, when he attempted to have a Google review about himself made by another person, removed by Google, in that:

Philip Harmer stated in writing that he had had no communication with the other person [the reviewer], which statement he knew to be misleading, because there had previously been letters and telephone calls between himself and the other person relating to a third person's dispute with one of his clients in which they complained about his behaviour.

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Status: Open to Appeal.