



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

MICHAEL ANTHONY ROWAN

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, November 1992

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 14 October 2020

In breach of:

Core Duties 3, 5 and Rules rC8 and rC65.2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Michael Rowan, an unregistered barrister, acted without honesty and without integrity, in that between 4 September and 1 October 2016 while providing legal services as an employed barrister he committed fraud by false representation by submitting three expenses forms claiming expenses to which he was not entitled contrary to ss.1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006, for which conduct he was convicted on 23 April 2019 at Ipswich Crown Court and sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, with 180 hours unpaid work, and ordered to pay a victim charge of £115.

Michael Rowan, an unregistered barrister, acted in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his honesty and integrity, in that between 4 September and 1 October 2016 while providing legal services as an employed barrister he committed fraud by false representation by submitting three expenses forms claiming expenses to which he was not entitled contrary to ss.1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006, for which conduct he was convicted on 23 April 2019 at Ipswich Crown Court and sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, with 180 hours unpaid work, and ordered to pay a victim charge of £115.

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Michael Rowan, an unregistered barrister, acted in a way which likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession, in that between 4 September and 1 October 2016 while providing legal services as an employed barrister he committed fraud by false representation by submitting three expenses forms claiming expenses to which he was not entitled contrary to ss.1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006, for which conduct he was convicted on 23 April 2019 at Ipswich Crown Court and sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, with 180 hours unpaid work, and ordered to pay a victim charge of £115.

Michael Rowan, an unregistered barrister, did not report promptly to the Bar Standards Board that he was, on 23 April 2019 at the Ipswich Crown Court, convicted of fraud by false representation contrary to ss.1 and 2 of the Fraud Act 2006.

Sanction: Suspended for 3 Years. Costs £600.

Status: Final.