

The Council of the Inns of Court

## **Disciplinary Tribunal**

## **OLIVER WHITE**

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, November 2001

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 12 February 2021

In breach of:

Rule rC64.1 and Core Duty 9 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

## **Details of Offence:**

Oliver White a barrister, failed to promptly provide information to the Bar Standards Board (BSB) that it required from him and failed to notify the BSB of material changes to that information in that he failed to respond to written and telephone message requests to pay the fines as ordered by the disciplinary tribunal on 28 September 2017 under reference number PC 2016/0171/D5 or contact the BSB promptly to set up payment plans. The said written requests are dated 02/10/2017, 13/10/2017, 23/10/2017, 30/10/2017, 16/11/2017 and said telephone messages from BSB are dated 09/10/2017, 23/10/2017, 24/10/2017, 26/10/2017.

Oliver White a barrister, failed to be open and co-operative with his regulators in that he failed to co-operate with the Bar Standards Board (BSB) in correspondence and in particular in that he failed to respond to written and telephone message requests to pay the fines as ordered by the disciplinary tribunal on 28 September 2017 under reference number PC2016/0171/D5 or contact the BSB promptly to set up payment plans. The said written requests are dated 02/10/2017, 13/10/2017, 23/10/2017, 30/10/2017, 16/11/2017 and said telephone messages from BSB are dated 09/10/2017, 23/10/2017, 24/10/2017, 26/10/2017.

Oliver White a barrister, failed to promptly provide information to the Bar Standards Board (BSB) that it required from him and failed to notify it of material changes to That information in that he failed to provide information to the BSB regarding his Failure to comply with requested payment plans in correspondence and telephone Conversations between 08/12/2017 and 20/02/2018 in that,

- In response to BSB sending reminders to Oliver White of his obligation to pay the fine,
  Oliver White requested a payment plan on 8 December 2017;
- At Oliver White's request on 8 December 2017, the BSB agreed to a payment plan of 5 monthly payments starting on 18 December 2017;
- Oliver White failed to make the initial payment or provide the BSB with information as to the fact that he would not be making payments;
- On 28 December Oliver White requested an extended payment plan for 12 months which was agreed to by the BSB on 2 January 2018 with the first payment due by 31 January 2018:
- Oliver White failed to comply with this payment plan and failed to notify the BSB of the failure until after the date for the initial agreed payment had passed.

Oliver White a barrister, failed to be open and co-operative with his regulators in that he failed to co-operate with the Bar Standards Board (BSB) in correspondence and in particular failed to co-operate with the BSB following his request for payment plans in correspondence and telephone conversations between 08/12/2017 and 20/02/2018 in that:

- In response to BSB sending reminders to Oliver White of his obligation to pay the fine, Oliver White requested a payment plan on 8 December 2017;
- At Oliver White's request on 8 December 2017, the BSB agreed to a payment plan of 5 monthly payments starting on 18 December 2017;
- Oliver White failed to make the initial payment or provide the BSB with information as to the fact that he would not be making payments;
- On 28 December Oliver White requested an extended payment plan for 12 months which was agreed to by the BSB on 2 January 2018 with the first payment due by 31 January 2018;
- Oliver White failed to comply with this payment plan and failed to notify the BSB of the failure until after the date for the initial agreed payment had passed.

**Sanction:** 12 Months suspension on all charges to run concurrently.

Status: Final.