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Disciplinary Tribunal

DOMINIC WOOLARD

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, October 2008

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 19 January 2021

In breach of:

Core Duties 3, 5 and Rule rC8 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Dominic Woolard, a practising barrister, acted without integrity and / or did something which could be reasonably seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that on 21 December 2018, he held A, over whom he was in a position of professional seniority, by or around the neck, an intimate part of the body as between professional colleagues, while saying to her, "I really wanted to smack your arse," or words to that effect, and the touching was intentional, the touching was sexual, A did not consent to the touching, and Dominic Woolard did not reasonably believe that A consented to the touching.

Dominic Woolard, a practising barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession, in that on 21 December 2018, he held A, over whom he was in a position of professional seniority, by or around the neck, an intimate part of the body as between professional colleagues, while saying to her, "I really wanted to smack your arse," or words to that effect, and the touching was intentional, the touching was sexual, A did not consent to the touching, and Dominic Woolard did not reasonably believe that A consented to the touching.

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Dominic Woolard, a practising barrister, acted without integrity and / or did something which could be reasonably seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that on 21 December 2018, he slapped A, over whom he was in a position of professional seniority, on the bottom with a slap which caused her physical pain, and the touching was intentional, the touching was sexual, A did not consent to the touching, and Dominic Woolard did not reasonably believe that A consented to the touching.

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Dominic Woolard, a practising barrister, acted without integrity and / or did something which could be reasonably seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that on 21 December 2018, he slapped A, over whom he was in a position of professional seniority, on the bottom with a slap which caused her physical pain, which was unwanted conduct of a sexual nature

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Dominic Woolard, a practising barrister, acted without integrity and / or did something which could be reasonably seen by the public to undermine his integrity in that on 21 December 2018, he pulled A, over whom he was in a position of professional seniority, on to his lap, and the touching was intentional, the touching was sexual, A did not consent to the touching, and Dominic Woolard did not reasonably believe that A consented to the touching.

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Sanction: Reprimanded. Fined £6,000. Costs £3,600.

Status: Open to Appeal.