

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

PETER MASNIUK

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, July 1983

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 20 January 2021

In breach of:

Core Duty 10 and Rules rS6 and rS8 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Peter Masniuk practised as a barrister when not authorised to do so from 1 May 2019 until the 26 November 2019 inclusive and therefore failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his legal and regulatory obligations in that he carried on a reserved legal activity by exercising his right of audience [at Leicester Combined Court on 7 November 2019 in a private law children matter; and at Birmingham Family Court on 26 November 2019 in a private law children matter] when he was not entitled to do so by reason of the fact that he did not have a practising certificate and was not authorised by the Bar Standards Board to carry on any reserved legal activity and was not otherwise authorised to do so pursuant to the Legal Services Act 2007 [as amended].

Peter Masniuk practised as a barrister when not authorised to do so from 1 May 2019 until the 26 November 2019 inclusive and therefore failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his legal and regulatory obligations in that he practised as a barrister when he was not entitled to do so by reason of the fact that he did not have a practising certificate.

Sanction: Suspended for 4 Months. Cost to be paid of £1,200 to the BSB within 28

days of the hearing [i.e. by the 17 February 2021].

Status: Final.