

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

KEVIN MANNING

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, July 1985

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 10 June 2021

In breach of:

Paragraphs 104, 301 (a)(i) and (iii) and/or 901.7 of the 8th Edition of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales and Conduct Rules rC65.3, rC65.1 and rC65.2 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of offence:

Kevin Manning, an unregistered barrister, engaged in conduct whether in pursuit of his profession or otherwise which was dishonest or otherwise discreditable to a barrister, and/or likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute, in that while practising as a solicitor of the Royal Court (Jersey) operating a practice as K R Manning & Co (the firm), while curator to various curatorships, he: (1) took money from eight curatorship accounts and a trust which he controlled, in four different transactions in 2008 and 2010, to make up a deficit which had occurred in the firm's client account, for which conduct he was convicted by the Royal Court (Jersey) on 12 December 2018 following a guilty plea to 20 counts of fraudulent conversion and one count of fraudulent conversion by a trustee, and sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment concurrently on each count; (2) failed to keep accurate client records over a six-year period, for which conduct he was convicted by the Royal Court (Jersey) on 12 December 2018 following a guilty plea to one count of failing to comply with the requirements of Article 19 of the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008, contrary to Article 37(4) of the Proceeds of

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Crime (Jersey) Law 1999, and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment concurrently to the fraudulent conversion offences set out in paragraph (1) above.

Kevin Manning, an unregistered barrister, and solicitor of the Royal Court (Jersey) regulated by The Law Society of Jersey, failed to report promptly or at all to the Bar Standards Board that he was the subject of disciplinary or other regulatory or enforcement action by another Approved Regulator or other regulator, including being the subject of disciplinary proceedings, in that he: (1) failed to report to the Bar Standards Board, at all, that in 2014 he was the subject of disciplinary proceedings by The Law Society of Jersey following its investigation into his management of the K R Manning & Co client account; (2) failed to report to the Bar Standards Board, at all, that on 18 December 2014 he was suspended from practice as a solicitor by The Law Society of Jersey, for failing to keep accurate client records over a six-year period.

Kevin Manning, an unregistered barrister, failed to report promptly or at all to the Bar Standards Board that he was charged with an indictable offence in the jurisdiction of England and Wales or with a criminal offence of comparable seriousness in any other jurisdiction, and that he was convicted of a criminal offence in any jurisdiction, in that he: (1) failed to report to the Bar Standards Board, at all, that in 2017 he was charged by the Attorney General (Jersey) with 20 counts of fraudulent conversion, one count of fraudulent conversion by a trustee, and one count of failing to comply with the requirements of Article 19 of the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008, contrary to Article 37(4) of the Proceeds of Crime (Jersey) Law 1999; (2) failed to report to the Bar Standards Board, at all, that on 12 December 2018 he was convicted by the Royal Court Jersey of 20 counts of fraudulent conversion, one count of fraudulent conversion by a trustee, and one count of failing to comply with the requirements of Article 19 of the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008, contrary to Article 37(4) of the Proceeds of Crime (Jersey) Law 1999.

Kevin Manning, an unregistered barrister, and solicitor of the Royal Court (Jersey) regulated by The Law Society of Jersey, failed to report promptly or at all to the Bar Standards Board that he was the subject of disciplinary or other regulatory or enforcement action by another Approved Regulator or other regulator, including being the subject of disciplinary proceedings, in that he: (1) failed to report to the Bar Standards Board, at all, that on 31 July 2019 he was removed from the Roll of Solicitors of the Royal Court (Jersey).

Sanction: Disbarred.

Status: Final.