



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

ROBERT COWLEY

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln' Inn, October 1992

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 6 September 2021

In breach of:

Core Duties 5 and/or 10 and/or Rule rC71 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

On 21 April 2020, the Legal Ombudsman [LeO] directed that Robert Cowley should comply with the Ombudsman's decision to pay £300 compensation to his former client by the 5 May 2020 [subsequently extended to 5 June 2020]. Robert Cowley failed to make the payment of £300 to Client 1. By so doing: a] he behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession [CD5], 2] he 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 [CD10], c] he failed to give all reasonable assistance requested of him in connection with the determination of complaints made under the Ombudsman scheme [rC71].

Sanction: Fined £1,500. Ordered to pay £800 towards the costs to the BSB. Both amounts to be paid within 2 months of the expiry date of the appeal period.

Status: Final.

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