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Disciplinary Tribunal

KEVIN FARQUHARSON

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, October 2011

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 21 October 2021

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 and / or Rule rC8 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Kevin Farquharson engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or did something which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity contrary to rC8 in that in the early hours of 28 September 2019 he sexually assaulted A and as a result on 18 March 2021 appeared before the Magistrates Court and was convicted of one offence of Sexual Assault against A, contrary to section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for 18 months, with a Rehabilitation Activity Requirement, ordered to pay £1800 compensation, a victim surcharge of £128 and made subject to the Notification Requirements of ss.80 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 for a period of seven years.

Kevin Farquharson engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity contrary to rC8 in that having been informed on the 28 September 2019 about his conduct toward A in the

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early hours that day, sent A text message asking her to respond to a future text from him with a scripted message he had prepared which was not a truthful account of the events in the early hours of the 28 September 2019.

Kevin Farquharson engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in him or in the profession contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his integrity contrary to rC8 in that he, having been informed on the 28 September 2019 about his conduct toward A in the early hours that day, sent Z [another barrister] messages asking him to lie about events in the early hours of 28 September 2019.

Sanction: Disbarred. Cost of £2,100 to be paid to the BSB.

Status: Open to Appeal.