



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

ROSA ZAFFUTO

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, November 2001

Type of hearing: 3 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 31 May 2022

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 and Rules rC88 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Rosa Zaffuto, a practising barrister, in relation to fees charged for work undertaken on behalf of Person B between the 23 August 2017 and 6 December 2017 of £420,000 plus VAT and as set out in the fee note issued and presented to Person B on or around 6 December 2017, Ms Zaffuto: a] Did not, as required by rC88.1, keep any or adequate records supporting the fees charge or claimed for the work undertaken when at the relevant time the fees had not been paid and there had not been any determination or assessment of costs in relation to those fees; and/or b] In engaging in the conduct in a] above, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession.

Rosa Zaffuto, a practising barrister, did not respond to a letter dated 2 May 2018 from Statutory Law Limited, instructed by Person B, in which Statutory Law Limited sought further information and documentation regarding the work undertaken by Ms Zaffuto on behalf of Person B between the 23 August 2017 and 6 December 2017 and which was presented to Person B in a fee note dated 6 December 2017. In failing to respond Ms Zaffuto: a] Did not, as required by rC88.2, provide Person B with such records or details of the work she had done as may be reasonably be required for the purposes of verifying the fee note of the 6

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December 2017; and/or b] In engaging in the conduct in a] above, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession.

Sanction: Fined £5,000 to be paid one month after the expiry date of the appeal period to the BSB. To attend a Public Access course for Barristers by the 31 December 2022 and provide evidence to the BSB that she has done so. Costs of £3,570.00 to be paid to the BSB within one month.

Status: Open to Appeal.