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Disciplinary Tribunal

SHIRLEY ANN BOTHROYD

Called to the Bar by: Middle Temple, July 1982

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 13 March 2023

In breach of:

Core Duties 5 and 9 and Rule rE65.2 of the Bar Standard Board Handbook

Details of Offence:

On 6 June 2017, Ms Bothroyd, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in her or in the profession, in that, she used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards Person A with the intent of causing Person A to believe that immediate unlawful violence would be used against her, or to provoke the immediate use of unlawful violence whereby Person A was likely to believe that such violence would be used, or it was likely that such violence would be provoked. In respect of this offence, on 2 October 2017, Ms Bothroyd entered a Guilty Plea in respect of conduct contrary to Sections 4(1) and (4) of the Public Order Act 1986 at Newton Abbot Magistrates' Court. Ms Bothroyd sentenced to 6 weeks' imprisonment (to run concurrently to other sentences imposed) and was ordered to pay £50 compensation.

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On 25 July 2017, Ms Bothroyd, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in her or in the profession, in that, she assaulted PC F, a constable in the execution of his duty. Ms Bothroyd was on bail at the time of the assault. She pleaded not guilty and was later found guilty and convicted of the offence of assaulting a constable in the execution of their duty contrary to Section 89 (1) of the Police Act 1996 at Newton Abbot Magistrates' Court on 2 October 2017. In respect of this offence, Ms Bothroyd was sentenced to an overall period of 4 weeks' imprisonment (to run concurrently) and was ordered to pay £50 compensation.

On 22 August 2017, Ms Bothroyd, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way which is likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in her or in the profession, in that, she threatened to damage the home address of Person G, namely a flat in a multiple occupancy building in Teignmouth. In respect of this conduct, on 2 July 2018, Ms Bothroyd was convicted of an offence of threatening to damage/destroy property at Exeter Crown Court on 2 July 2018. Ms Bothroyd pleaded guilty to this offence. On 19 September 2018, Ms Bothroyd was sentenced to a Hospital Order under Section 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in respect of this offence.

Ms Bothroyd, an unregistered barrister, failed to report to the BSB that she had been charged and plead guilty to threatening to damage property/damaging property at Exeter Crown Court on 2 July 2018 and that she had been sentenced on 19 September 2018 to a Hospital Order under Section 37 of the Mental Health Act. Ms Bothroyd did not report the fact of her conviction to the BSB. Ms Bothroyd was not open and cooperative with her regulator.

Ms Bothroyd, an unregistered barrister was convicted of: (a) Five counts of common assault contrary to s39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988; (b) Assaulting a Constable in the execution of his duty contrary to s89 (1) of the Police Act 1996; and (c) Conduct contrary to s4(1) and (4) Public Order Act 1986, of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards Person A with the intent of causing Person A to believe that immediate unlawful violence would be used against her. Ms Bothroyd was sentenced to an overall period of 22 weeks' imprisonment and was ordered to pay £400 in compensation. Ms Bothroyd did not report the fact of her convictions to the BSB. Ms Bothroyd was not open and cooperative with her regulator.

Sanction: Disbarred / Reprimanded / Suspended for 6 Months. Costs of £2,128.50 to be paid to the BSB.

Status: Open to Appeal.