



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

WILLIAM GILES HUGH POWELL

Called to the Bar by: Gray's Inn, November 1990

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 15 September 2022

In breach of:

Core Duties 10, 5 and 9 and Rule rC65 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Giles Powell failed to take reasonable steps to manage his practice, or carry out his role within the practice, competently and in such a way as to achieve compliance with his legal and regulatory obligations in that he: a] Failed to account for tax to HMRC, b] Caused a bankruptcy petition to be presented against him dated 16 November 2018 by HMRC in respect of unpaid tax and c] Caused a bankruptcy order to be made against him on 27 January 2020.

Giles Powell acted in a way likely to diminish the trust and confidence that the public places in a barrister or in the profession in that he: a] Failed to account for tax to HMRC, b] Caused a bankruptcy petition to be presented against him dated 16 November 2018 by HMRC in respect of unpaid tax and c] Caused a bankruptcy order to be made against him on 27 January 2020.

Giles Powell failed to be open and co-operative with his regulator, the Bar Standards Board, in that he failed to report the conviction dated 23 December 2020 at Mid Wales [Merthyr Tydfil] Magistrates Court for an offence contrary to section 72 [11] of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

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Sanction: Reprimanded. Costs of £2,100.00 to be paid to the BSB. Time to pay to be negotiated with the BSB.

Status: Final.