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The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

GUY ROHAN SIMS

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, November 2000

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 23 November 2022

In breach of:

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

Details of Offence:

Guy Sims, a barrister, behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence which the public places in a barrister or in the profession and in a way that could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine his honesty and integrity, in that, in 2017 and 2019, he arranged and/or facilitated the commission of a sexual offence with a child, including: i] In 2017, he set up one or more profiles on a teenage dating site purporting to be a 16-year-old boy; ii] In September 2017, he exchanged sexually explicit messages with persons “X” and “Y” whom he believed to be 13 years of age; iii] On 27 September 2017, he travelled with a condom and alcohol to meet X for the purposes of arranging or facilitating sex with X; iv] On 27 September 2017, he arranged to meet Y in a wood, carrying him with a camouflage net, for the purposes of arranging or facilitating sex with Y; v] In September and October 2019, he began exchanges with another person, Z, who he believed to be a thirteen-year-old girl and made arrangements to meet Z for the purposes of sexual activity. As a consequence of the above conduct, on 28 July 2021, Mr Sims was convicted of three counts of arranging and/or facilitating the commission of a child sex offence, contrary to s14(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, for which, on 6 October 2021, he was sentenced to three and half years in prison.

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Sanction: Disbarred.

Status: Open to Appeal.