

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

ANTHONY DANIFI BENNETT

Called to the Bar by: Gray's Inn, November 2000

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 5 September 2022

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Anthony Daniel Bennett behaved in a way which was likely to diminish the trust and confidence placed in a barrister and the profession, contrary to Core Duty 5, in that, between 27 September 2018 and 20 June 2019 [inclusive] he allowed to be tweeted, inappropriate and offensive tweets towards Adam Wagner, another barrister from the twitter account '@arrytuttle'.

The tweets include: i]"...Adam Wagner is a lying propagandist who brings shame on our entire community with his smears" – 27 September 2018; ii] "All Adam Wagner's antisemitism [sic] stories are fraudulent. And he knows it." – 27 September 2018; iii] "Yes. Adam Wagner thinks Stephen Marks is the wrong type of Jew. Remind me, who is supposed to be the antisemite here?" – 17 October 2018; iv] "Every day platformed jews from the self-appointed 'mainstream' direct hatred at leftist Jews. Every day they misrepresented facts. Every day they pretend that leftist jews are antisemitic. All this for factional political gain. It's the vilest and sickest trait in modern politics" - 23 October 2018 (in response to a tweet by Adam Wagner); v] "Am guessing it's two of [a barrister], [Adam Wagner] or [another barrister]. They are an awful threesome." - 24 January 2019 (in response to a tweet saying there are two

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barristers on twitter who are "thick as pigshit, both bigots, both amazingly credulous"); vi] "I think we can conclude from this thread that [Adam Wagner] hates leftist jews, is determined to target leftist jews as "antisemites" and demands that anyone else cease associating with leftist jews, or be deemed an "antisemite" by association, Adam has gone full fash propaganda" - 11 February 2019; vii] "Also, [Adam Wagner] is an absolute danger and a hater of leftist jews. Would not go near him with a barge pole." - 22 February 2019.

Sanction: Reprimanded. Fined £500.00 to be paid to the BSB within 28 days.

Status: Final.