



# The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

## Disciplinary Tribunal

### RICHARD ANTHONY GIBBS

Called to the Bar by: Inner Temple, October 2012

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 6 December 2022

#### In breach of:

Paragraphs 301[a][i] and/or 301[iii] and pursuant to paragraph 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales [8<sup>th</sup> Edition] and Core Duty 9 and Rule rC65.7 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

#### Details of Offence:

Richard Gibbs, a barrister, in 2011, when applying for pupillage at St Ives chambers, engaged in conduct which was dishonest and/or likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute in that on his application for pupillage form he made one or more of the following statements that were not true, including that: (i) He had been commissioned by the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst; (ii) He had given evidence in support of members of his troop and at inquests into deaths that had occurred during training exercises and/or; (iii) He had been in the regular Army.

Richard Gibbs, a barrister, in 2013, when applying for tenancy at No5 chambers engaged in conduct which was dishonest and/or likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or the administration of justice or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute in that he submitted a CV with one or more of the following statements which he knew to be untrue including that: (i) Between January 2001 and November 2006, he had been

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a British Army Officer and/or; (ii) He had sold his company Haven Search and Selection Limited, in April 2010.

Richard Gibbs, a barrister, on or around September 2019, when corresponding with the BSB and self-reporting failed to fully report the extent of the serious misconduct committed by him and failed to be open and cooperative with the BSB as his regulator in that he did not provide the BSB with all the relevant details regarding the inaccuracies of his CV and No5 Chambers' findings against him.

**Sanction:** Disbarred.

**Status:** Open to Appeal.