

David Richards

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Inner Temple, July 1981

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 23 May 2013

In breach of

Paragraphs 905(c), 901.7, 301(a)(i), 301(a)(iii), 905(d) 901.5, 905(b) of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

David Richards, being a barrister, failed to report promptly or all to the Bar Standards Board the fact that bankruptcy proceedings had been initiated against him by a petition dated the 29th December 2009.

David Richards, being a barrister, failed to report promptly or all to the Bar Standards Board the fact that a bankruptcy order was made against him on the 12th April 2010.

David Richards, being a barrister, engaged in conduct discreditable to a barrister in that between the 12th April 2010 and the 20th August 2010 he failed to co-operate with the Official Receiver in connection with his bankruptcy.

David Richards, being a barrister, engaged in conduct discreditable to a barrister in that on the 20th August 2010, being the day appointed for his public examination in connection with his bankruptcy, he failed to submit to such examination.

David Richards, being a barrister, and a circumstance referred to in sub-paragraph 905(b) having been reported to the Bar Standards Board, namely a bankruptcy order having been made against him on the 12th April 2010, and having been asked by the Bar Standards Board for comments or information on the matter by letters dated the 17th June 2010, 17th June 2011, 8th July 2011, 5th August 2011, 27th September, 21st October 2011 and the 19th December 2011, failed to respond promptly or at all to the requests for comments or information, such failure being, by virtue of its combination with another failure or other failures to comply with the Code of Conduct (see above), a serious failure to comply with the provisions of the Code of Conduct within the meaning of paragraph 901.5 of the Code of Conduct, and thereby constituting professional misconduct.

SENTENCE: Disbarred.

STATUS: Final.