

David Jonathan Friesner

CALL/INN: Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn, November 1988

TYPE OF HEARING: 5 person Disciplinary Tribunal

DATE OF DECISION: 13 May 2013

In breach of

Pursuant to paragraph 901.7 and contrary to paragraphs 301(a)(i), 301(a)(iii) and 901.7 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (8th Edition).

Details of Offence

David Friesner between 1st October 2008 and 10th February 2012 engaged in conduct which was dishonest and discreditable to a barrister in that:

- a. Between the 1st October 2008 and 30th November 2009 he dishonestly took 12 unauthorised loans or advances from his chambers, 9 St John's Street, Manchester.
- b. On 12th January 2012 at the Leeds Crown Court he pleaded guilty to, and was convicted of, one count of the theft of £72,500 (Seventy two thousand and five hundred pounds) from his Chambers.
- c. On the 10th February 2012 the Honourable Mr Justice Singh sentenced him to 3 years imprisonment.

David Friesner between 1st October 2008 and 10th February 2012 engaged in conduct which was likely to diminish public confidence in the legal profession or otherwise bring the legal profession into disrepute in that:

- a. Between the 1st October 2008 and 30th November 2009 he dishonestly took 12 unauthorised loans or advances from his chambers, 9 St John's Street, Manchester.
- b. On 12th January 2012 at the Leeds Crown Court he pleaded guilty to, and was convicted of, one count of the theft of £72,500 (Seventy two thousand and five hundred pounds) from his Chambers.
- c. On the 10th February 2012 the Honourable Mr Justice Singh sentenced him to 2 years imprisonment.

SENTENCE: Disbarred

STATUS: Final