

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

JOURDAN PENRICE

Called to the Bar by: Lincoln's Inn, October 2020

Type of hearing: 5 Person Tribunal

Date of decision: 14 December 2022

In breach of:

Core Duty 3 and/or Rule rC9.1 of the Bar Standards Board Handbook.

Details of Offence:

Jourdan Penrice, an unregistered barrister, failed to act with honesty and with integrity, and he knowingly misled or attempted to mislead another, in that, on 1 June 2021, while a pupil in Chambers, he submitted to a member of Chambers a draft letter in response to a letter of claim, prepared for the purposes of assessing his capability within pupillage, as his own work, when Mr Penrice knew that the work was not his own and had been taken or substantially taken from the work of that member of Chambers and from the work of a pupil, such work being draft letters written by each of them that Mr Penrice had previously obtained from the room of the member of Chambers without their knowledge or consent.

Jourdan Penrice, an unregistered barrister, failed to act with honesty and with integrity, and he knowingly misled or attempted to mislead another, in that, on 19 May 2021, while a pupil in Chambers, he submitted to a member of Chambers a draft opinion, prepared for the purposes of assessing his capability within pupillage, as his own work, when Mr Penrice knew that the work was not his own and had been taken or substantially taken from the work of that member of Chambers and from the work of a pupil, such work being draft opinions

written by each of them that Mr Penrice had previously obtained from the room of the member of Chambers without her knowledge or consent.

Jourdan Penrice, an unregistered barrister, failed to act with honesty and with integrity, and he knowingly misled or attempted to mislead another, in that, on 12 May 2021, while a pupil in Chambers, he submitted to a member of Chambers a skeleton argument as part of his practice advocacy exercise, prepared for the purposes of assessing his capability within pupillage, as his own work, when Mr Penrice knew that the work was not his own and had been taken or substantially taken from the work of a member of Chambers, such work being a skeleton argument that the member of Chambers had submitted for his own advocacy exercise while a pupil in 2018, that Mr Penrice had previously obtained by searching the emails of the Head of the Pupillage Committee without the knowledge or consent of the Head of the Pupillage Committee or the author of the skeleton argument.

Jourdan Penrice, an unregistered barrister, failed to act with honesty and with integrity, and he knowingly misled or attempted to mislead another, in that, on 4 June 2021, while a pupil in Chambers, in a meeting with the Head of the Pupillage Committee, he stated that he had not seen a draft letter written by a member of Chambers before he wrote his own draft letter for the purposes of assessing his capability within pupillage, which statement he knew to be false as he had previously obtained the draft letter written by the member of Chambers from his room without his knowledge or consent.

Sanction:

1. BSB not to issue a practising certificate to Mr Penrice for 3 years from today's date [14/12/2022]. 2. Mr Penrice must complete a further 6 months pupillage before any practising certificate can be issued. 3. That pupillage should not start within 2 years from today's date. Costs of £1,800.00 to be paid to the BSB. Time to pay to be negotiated with the BSB.

Status: Final.