



The Bar Tribunals & Adjudication Service

The Council of the Inns of Court

Disciplinary Tribunal

Ms Claire Thomas

Called to the Bar by: Gray's Inn, July 2008.

Type of hearing: 5 Person Disciplinary Tribunal

Date of decision: 11 November 2024

In breach of:

Core Duty 5 and rC8 of the Code of Conduct of Bar of England and Wales.

Details of offence:

Charge 1

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition, Versions 3.0 - 4.5)

Particulars of Offence

Claire Thomas, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way likely to diminish the trust and confidence that the public places in her and/or the profession, and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine her honesty and integrity, when she presented inaccurate accounts of her symptoms which she knew to be false resulting from a Road Traffic Accident that occurred on 22 July 2016, to the Department of Work and Pensions, on more than one occasion, between July 2017 and November 2020.

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Charge 2

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition, Versions 4.1 - 4.4).

Particulars of Offence

Claire Thomas, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way likely to diminish the trust and confidence that the public places in her and/or the profession, and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine her honesty and integrity, when she presented inaccurate accounts of her symptoms which she knew to be false resulting from a Road Traffic Accident that occurred on 22 July 2016, to medical experts instructed in her civil claim for personal injury, on more than one occasion, between August 2019 and July 2020.

Charge 3

Statement of Offence

Professional misconduct, contrary to Core Duty 5 and/or rC8 of the Code of Conduct of the Bar of England and Wales (9th Edition, Version 4.1).

Particulars of Offence

Claire Thomas, an unregistered barrister, behaved in a way likely to diminish the trust and confidence that the public places in her and/or the profession, and/or behaved in a way which could reasonably be seen by the public to undermine her honesty and integrity, when she was dishonest about her symptoms in a civil claim for personal injury, that she brought for general and special damages arising out of a Road Traffic Accident that occurred on 22 July 2016, in the Cardiff County Court on 15 July 2019.

Findings:

Charge 1	Proved
Charge 2	Proved
Charge 3	Proved

Sanction:

Disbarment- the BSB not to issue a practicing certificate pending any appeal. Costs of £600 payable to the BSB.