

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

in the Complaint

against

GORDON JACKSON KC

By

RAPE CRISIS SCOTLAND

[1] In the decision in the Complaint by the Treasurer of the Faculty of Advocates we have set out our reasoning in the appeal against the Complaints Committee's decision finding Mr. Jackson guilty of professional misconduct. We allowed the appeal in part but upheld part of the complaint against Mr. Jackson. In the complaint brought by Rape Crisis Scotland the first of two heads of complaint was in the following terms:

1. Mr. Gordon Jackson QC breached an advocate's duty to the court by publicly naming two of the complainers and discussing details that could identify those complainers during the first week of the trial."

Head one of the complaint by the Treasurer was in the same terms.

[2] In this appeal, identical issues arise and we have decided to dispose of it in the same way and for the same reasons. Accordingly we uphold the appeal but only in respect of the Committee's finding that Mr. Jackson was guilty of professional misconduct in respect of "discussing details that could identify those complainers". We uphold the complaint in respect of the remaining part of the first head of the complaint.

[3] We will arrange a hearing via Zoom to hear submissions on the question, first, of whether Mr. Jackson's actions amount to unsatisfactory professional conduct or professional misconduct and, secondly, the penalty to be imposed on the remaining part of the complaint.

