

Greg Treverton-Jones QC – results when acting for Respondents against the SRA and BSB

Clients often ask me about the “conviction rate” in the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal being as high as 90%+, as is apparently the case based upon the SDT’s own statistics. I have no reason to doubt that, but I can say with confidence that the “conviction rate” of my clients is a great deal lower than that. As will appear from the table below, I have helped to achieve the complete acquittal of a significant number of clients since 2007. In other cases, where misconduct was admitted but, e.g. dishonesty was not, such issues have been resolved in favour of my clients – such cases do not appear in the table below.

The table will be updated annually.

Successful Results in the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal and Barristers' Tribunal and on Appeal (High Court and Court of Appeal) since 2007

	Case	Year	Represented by GT-J
1	Maddocks and others	2007	7 Respondents ¹
2	Bryant and Bench	2007	2 Appellants won in the High Court
3	X & Co	2009	1 Respondent, 8 partners ²
4	Pabla and Pabla	2010	2 Respondents acquitted
5	Attwell and Harrington-Rutterford	2011	2 Respondents acquitted
6	Wilson and Carroll	2012	2 Respondents acquitted
7	Tinkler	2012	1 Appellant won in the High Court
8	Hindle and Ackinlose	2013	2 Respondents acquitted
9	Perrotton	2013	1 Respondent acquitted
10	Yeshin and Redpath	2013	2 Respondents acquitted
11	Norman	2013	1 Respondent to SRA appeal won in the High Court
12	Heer Manak and others	2014	4 Respondents acquitted ³
13	Kiani	2015	1 Appellant won in the High Court
14	Imran	2015	1 Respondent to SRA appeal won in the High Court
15	Wingate and Evans	2016	2 Respondents acquitted ⁴
16	Libby	2016	1 Respondent acquitted ⁵
17	Smith (v BSB)	2016	1 Appellant won in the High Court
18	Attwell	2016	2 Respondents acquitted
19	Saini (v BSB)	2017	1 Respondent acquitted
20	Belfield	2017	1 Respondent acquitted
21	Yousouf	2018	1 Claimant (judicial review) won in the High Court
22	Barber and Bagas	2018	1 Respondent acquitted ⁶
23	Gray	2018	1 Respondent acquitted ⁷
24	Wingate and Evans	2018	1 Appellant won in the Court of Appeal

¹ SRA withdrew

² 8-partner firm joined as Respondent - SRA withdrew

³ Acquittal of 1 Respondent upset on appeal and a re-trial ordered.

⁴ Respondents admitted one SAR allegation but were acquitted of everything else – the acquittals were overturned on appeal – Evans then successfully appealed to the Court of Appeal (see no.24 in the table).

⁵ Acquittal overturned on appeal by the SRA

⁶ Respondent admitted minor SAR matters but acquitted of all serious allegations.

⁷ SRA appealed but abandoned appeal