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Redemption Chambers is regulated by the Bar Standards Board

Anti-Harassment Policy

- 1. This policy covers all those working in a BSB authorised body, visiting and providing services to the organisation.
- 2. Redemption Chambers is committed to providing a work environment in which all individuals, clients and the public are treated with dignity and respect. Redemption Chambers is determined to promote a work environment in which everyone is treated equally and with dignity and can flourish.
- 3. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated at Redemption Chambers. Harassment includes any unwanted conduct related to sex, race, disability, gender re-assignment, religion or belief, sexual orientation or age. Such behaviour may take many forms including:
 - Conduct which is unwanted by the recipient and perceived as hostile or threatening;
 - Conduct which gives rise to a hostile or threatening work environment;
 - Conduct which creates an atmosphere in which it is feared that rejection or submission

will be used as a basis for decisions which have an impact on the recipient at work such as a recruitment decision.

- 4. The following are examples of types of behaviour which may amount to harassment:
 - Physical or sexual assault;
 - Requests for sexual favours in return for career advancement;
 - Unnecessary physical contact;
 - Exclusion from social networks and activities or other forms of isolation;
 - Bullying;
 - Compromising suggestions or invitations;
 - Suggestive remarks or looks;
 - Display of offensive materials, including on a computer screen;
 - Tasteless jokes or verbal abuse, including any sent by email;
 - Offensive remarks or ridicule;
 - Dealing inappropriately or inadequately with complaints of harassment.
- 5. Harassment is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010.40 In addition to the above unwanted conduct, it can arise where a person engages in any kind of unwanted sexual behaviour (or gender reassignment or sex related behaviour).
- 6. Complaints of harassment may be raised informally in the first instance with Ashitey Ollennu, Head of Chambers, who will agree an appropriate response. Formal complaints should be made under the Redemption Chamber's grievance/complaints procedure.
- 7. Harassment is misconduct for employees and a breach of the BSB Handbook. Allegations of harassment will be dealt with under the Redemption Chambers disciplinary procedure.

- 8. Redemption Chambers is committed to ensuring that no-one who makes an allegation of harassment in good faith should be subjected to any detriment as a result. Any victimisation of a complainant witness or anyone else involved in the investigation of a complaint will be viewed as a disciplinary matter.
- 9. A copy of this policy is provided to all those for whom Redemption Chambers constitutes a working environment, including 40. S.26 Equality Act 2010 Section 13 Model policies and documents BSB Handbook Equality Rules 39 all staff members, pupils and barristers, those who provide services to a BSB authorised body such as contract cleaners, accountants and IT consultants, and mini-pupils and work experience students.

This policy was adopted in October 2021 and was last reviewed in October 2022 and is scheduled to be reviewed in October 2023.