

**BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

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F(23)47

AND

BISHOY SALIB (01-26616)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

Take notice that an inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council.

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Blended hearing

This means part of the hearing will be held physically in person and part of the hearing will be held remotely via video conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on:

Physically – **Monday 15 April – Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 09:30AM at 10 Old Bailey London, EC4M 7NG.**

Remotely – **Thursday 18 April – Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 09:30AM via Microsoft Teams.**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Bishoy Salib** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Louise Hall
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

15 March 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Bishoy Salib (01-26616), a registered Optometrist:

1. *On 30 August 2022, after work, whilst you were driving Ms A to her car, you stopped your car and made inappropriate comments towards her, notably you:*
 - a. *Told Ms A, that you did not want “anyone from work to see” you and Ms A together or words to that effect;*
 - b. *Told Ms A, “It’s really hard to work with you when you’re in a skirt” or words to that effect;*
 - c. *Told Ms A, “Don’t look down” or words to that effect, to indicate that you were sexually aroused;*
 - d. *Asked Ms A to go to dinner with you.*
2. *Your conduct as set out at 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d was:*
 - i. *Inappropriate*
 - and/or ii. *Sexual*

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

Committee Members: Anne Johnstone (Chair)
Mark McLaren (Lay)
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)
Sanna Nasrullah (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Jennifer Ferrario

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.