

Committal for Contempt of Court in Open Court at the High Court of Justice (Business and Property Courts of England and Wales)

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of Practice Direction: Committal for Contempt of Court – Open Court, dated 26 March 2015

In relation to Case no. HC-2017-001796 on 7 May 2020 following a hearing conducted by Skype for Business, Mr Justice Roth held that the first defendant, Stephen Robert Frejek was in contempt of court in that he committed 4 breaches of the order of Master Teverson of 17 December 2018. That order required Mr Frejek to (i) file and serve in relation to the estate of Brenda Dorothy Frejek (the deceased) a complete and up to date statement of account, showing all transactions effected by him as executor; (ii) deliver up to the claimant's solicitors the original grant of probate or serve a witness statement explaining why he is unable to do so; (iii) file and serve as an exhibit to the account a completion statement regarding the sale of the deceased's home; and (iv) file and serve as an exhibit to the account a copy of any inventory of all household contents and personal effects of the deceased that were at or removed from her home prior to its sale and provide a list of any such items included in the sale.

Mr Stephen Frejek breached that order by failing to do any of those things, save only that at some point prior to 11 July 2019 he delivered a copy of the original grant of probate to his sister, the second defendant.

The Judge directed the issue of a Bench warrant for Mr Stephen Frejek to be apprehended and brought before the Court for sentencing on Monday, 11 May 2020 in the Royal Courts of Justice.