

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**CLAIM NO. KB-2022-000547**

**KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

**MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST**

**THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE COLLINS RICE**

**25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**BETWEEN**

**MR RICHARD ALAN PARSONS**

**Claimant**

**and**

**(1) ELIZABETH GARNETT**

**(2) ALLAN GARNETT**

**(3) KATIE ARMISTEAD**

**Defendants**

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**ORDER**

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**PENAL NOTICE**

**IF YOU THE FIRST AND SECOND DEFENDANTS DISOBEY PARAGAPH 2(4) OR 4 OF THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED.**

**ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS THE FIRST OR SECOND DEFENDANT TO BREACH THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 2(4) OR 4 OF THIS ORDER MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED.**

UPON the Claimant's Application dated 10 August 2022 for judgment in default of defence pursuant to CPR Part 12.3(1) and 12.4(2) and for summary disposal pursuant to ss.8 and 9 Defamation Act 1996 ("the Application")

AND UPON HEARING Leading Counsel for the Claimant and Counsel for the Defendants

AND UPON the Court being satisfied that the conditions for the entry of default judgment are met.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. There be judgment in default for the Claimant on his claims
  - (1) for libel against all of the Defendants, and
  - (2) for harassment against the First and Second Defendants.
  
2. By way of summary disposal of the claim for libel
  - (1) it is declared that the allegations made against the Claimant by the Defendants in the meanings set out at paragraph 11 of the Particulars of Claim herein, namely that the Claimant
    - (a) has destroyed the community of Broughton-in-Furness and the local economy by his greed and selfishness;
    - (b) has been responsible for many unethical business dealings;
    - (c) treats his staff appallingly;
    - (d) has treated his wife badly by having adulterous relationships with their live-in housemaid and a vulnerable single woman, and
    - (e) has exploited a vulnerable single woman by providing her with accommodation in return for sex,are false and defamatory of the Claimant;
  - (2) the First and Second Defendants do pay the Claimant damages of £8,000,
  - (3) the Third Defendant do pay the Claimant damages of £2,000,
  - (4) the First and Second Defendants are prohibited from, whether acting by themselves, their servants, agents, or otherwise howsoever, by any means whatsoever, from publishing or causing to be published concerning the Claimant words bearing any of the meanings complained of in paragraph 11 of the Particulars of Claim herein, and set out at paragraph 2(1) above.
  
3. The First and Second Defendants do pay the Claimant damages for harassment of £12,000.

4. The First and Second Defendants are prohibited from, whether acting by themselves, their servants, agents, or otherwise howsoever from harassing the Claimant by communicating to any person (including the Claimant) by any means the words set out in paragraphs 8 to 11 of the Particulars of Claim herein which paragraphs are set out within Schedule 1 to this Order, or any similar statements concerning the Claimant.
5. The Defendants shall pay the Claimant's costs of this action which shall be subject to a detailed assessment if not agreed.
6. The Defendants shall make an interim payment on account of the costs due under paragraph 5 above in the sum of £45,000.

This Order is to be served by the Claimant on the Defendants.