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THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT IN LEEDS

User Group Meeting

Administrative Court (North East) Leeds ('ACL')

Wednesday 26/04/23 by MS Teams

Minutes

In attendance:

Mr Justice Fordham (Liaison Judge) [MF]
HHJ Philip Kramer
Michael Blackwood (CPS)
Dominique Cole (ACO)
Noeleen Conneely (ACO) [NC]
Charlotte Davies (Capsticks)
Benjamin Haigh (Haighs Law)
Harry Frost (SWE) [HF]
John Hunter (Kings Chambers)
Martin Lee (ACO) [ML]
Zaira Nunes (Bhatia Best)
Keziah Pearson (Capsticks) [KP]
Philip Shearer (ACO)
Tom Stoker (SWE)
Jessica Turner (HMCTS)
Jasvinder Young (GLD)

1. Introduction

MF welcomed participants to the User Group Meeting [UGM] for ACL alone, indicating that on this occasion it was being held separately from the Administrative Court in Manchester [ACM].

2. Matters Arising

The minutes from the last UGM (jointly with ACM) had been published. There were no matters arising as such, however MF confirmed that Deputy High Court Judge Karen Ridge was, as envisaged, now available to assist with ACL planning cases in addition to ACM ones.

3. Approach to non-disclosure orders for court documents, specifically in relation to regulatory interim order extension proceedings.

KP raised this as a general topic to gauge what approach was taken in other interim extension regulatory proceedings. Social Work England cases are handled at ACL. Regulatory interim proceedings may themselves be conducted privately but once they reach the High Court for an extension to the interim order, they are dealt with at a public hearing and not routinely anonymised. The Court has the usual powers including to restrict access in an appropriate case to documents from court records in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules. MF referred to a recent GMC case* at ACM which had raised the question of an Order restricting access to documents. MF said he had understood that the GMC's concerns had resolved because express CPR protections in CPR 5.4C ** were considered sufficient. MF said that, if any issue arose it would need to be determined in the case on which it arose, it being for regulators to consider any issue about communicating with respondents to these applications.

* [GMC v Mwambingu \[2023\] EWHC 324 \(Admin\) §§6-9](#)

** [CPR 5.4C](#)

4. Timescale for sending of sealed orders.

HF raised the question about how soon approved orders could be expected (with reference to SWE cases) where existing interim orders were due to expire. NC confirmed that these are prioritised and should be received within a week, but if not, it was appropriate for a chaser email to be sent by way of a 'nudge'.

5. Any other Business.

There were no other matters.

6. Date of next UGM.

MF confirmed that the date would be fixed and circulated by email. The expectation was for 3 short Meetings per year, conducted remotely. He encouraged all interested persons to communicate with ACL.

Minutes :ML
Approved: MF

ANNEX: Agenda

1. Introduction
2. ACL matters arising from minutes of meeting 7.12.2022
[ACN Combined UGM Minutes 7/12/2022](#)
3. Discussion topics
 - a. Combined or separate UGMs
 - b. Approach to non-disclosure orders for Court documents, specifically in relation to regulatory interim order extension proceedings
4. AOB
5. Date of next UGM

Notes:

- The ACO (Administrative Court Office) team at ACL is: Noeleen Conneely (Administrative Court Team Leader), Martin Lee (Administrative Court & Planning Court Lawyer), Dominique Cole (Administrative Court Team Member/Listing), Chris Brooks and Robert Brown (Administrative Court Team Members). The address and email address are: [Leeds Combined Court Centre](#)
leeds@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk
- The Section 9 judges who sit at ACL are: HHJ Penelope Belcher*; HHJ Malcolm Davis-White KC; HHJ Mark Gosnell; HHJ Claire Jackson; HHJ Siobhan Kelly; HHJ Jonathan Klein*; HHJ Philip Kramer (based in Newcastle); Karen Ridge*; HHJ Andrew Saffman; UTJ Chris Ward; Richard Wright KC. [*planning ticket]
- The Liaison Judge (Fordham J) is sitting at ACL until 5.5.23 and scheduled next to be sitting at ACL 2.10.23-20.10.23. He is contactable via his clerk: Jessica.Turner1@justice.gov.uk
- Admin Court North (ACN) Materials for information:

Divisional Court Cases.

- ACL
 - Ryan v DPP CO/2568/2019 judgment 19.10.22
 - [Cook \[2022\] EWHC 2963 \(Admin\)](#)
 - [Officer B50 \[2023\] EWHC 81 \(Admin\)](#)
- ACM
 - Greater Manchester Chief Constable CO/593/2022 judgment 1.11.22
 - [Leeson \[2023\] EWHC 62 \(Admin\)](#)
 - [Makki \[2023\] EWHC 80 \(Admin\)](#)

Forum

[What Makes A Great Advocate? Wed 3 May 2023 at 17:30](#)
Leeds Business and Property Courts Forum

Local Hearings.

- [ACO Listing Policy](#) §23: “A case allocated to any of the circuit offices will be listed for hearing on that circuit at the most geographically appropriate hearing centre, subject to judicial availability”.
- An example in the Planning Court (heard in Newcastle) is [Newcastle City Council \[2022\] EWHC 2752 \(Admin\)](#).

NALA (Northern Administrative Law Association) Liaison.

- [NALA Practical Tips Webinar 13.6.22 video](#)
- [NALA The Future of the HRA 13.12.22](#)

User Group Meetings. UGMs are open to all ACN users and all Minutes are online:

- [ACM UGM Minutes 28/04/2022](#)
- [ACL UGM Minutes 17/05/2022](#)
- [ACL UGM 26/07/2022](#)
- [ACM UGM Minutes 28/07/2022](#)
- [ACN Combined UGM Minutes 7/12/2022](#)

Venue Determinations.

- [Fortt \[2022\] EWHC 152 \(Admin\) 27.1.22 transfer to ACM](#)
- [Smart \[2022\] EWHC 509 \(Admin\) 9.3.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Assent \[2022\] EWHC 510 \(Admin\) 9.3.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Assurant \[2022\] EWHC 511 \(Admin\) 9.3.22 non-transfer](#)
- [Orekoya \[2022\] EWHC 540 \(Admin\) 15.3.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Khyam \[2022\] EWHC 993 \(Admin\) 4.5.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Ellis \[2022\] EWHC 1263 \(Admin\) 25.5.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Porky Pint \[2022\] EWHC 1705 \(Admin\) 6.7.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Bhimsinhji \[2022\] EWHC 2556 \(Admin\) 11.10.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Newcastle United \[2022\] EWHC 2555 \(Admin\) 11.10.22 non-transfer](#)
- [Airedale \[2022\] EWHC 2937 \(Admin\) 16.11.22 transfer to ACL](#)

- [Group for Action \[2022\] EWHC 3296 \(Admin\) 21.12.22 non-transfer](#)
- [O'Brien \[2022\] EWHC 3297 \(Admin\) 21.12.22 non-transfer](#)
- [Subramaniam \[2022\] EWHC 3294 \(Admin\) 21.12.22 transfer to ACL](#)
- [Cleugh \[2023\] EWHC 374 \(Admin\) 24.2.23 transfer to ACL from ACM](#)