

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No: KB-2025-001814

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS LIST

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE COLLINS RICE

Dated: 22 May 2025

B E T W E E N :

“AML”

Claimant/Applicant

-and –

“LMA”

Defendant/Respondent

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU THE DEFENDANT/ RESPONDENT DISOBEY THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED OR FINED OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED.

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DISOBEYS THIS ORDER OR DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS ANY PERSON TO WHOM THIS ORDER APPLIES TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED.

NOTICE TO ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER

You should read the terms of the Order and the Practice Guidance on Interim Non-Disclosure Orders very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in Paragraph 11 of the Order and obliges you to do the acts set out in Paragraphs 12, 13, and 15 of the Order. You have the right to ask the Court to vary or discharge the Order. If you disobey this Order you may be found guilty of contempt of court and you may be sent to prison or fined or your assets may be seized.

THIS ORDER

1. This is an Injunction, with other orders as set out below, made against the Defendant on 22 May 2025 by the Judge identified above (the **Judge**) on the application (the **Application**) of the Claimant. The Judge:
 - (a) heard from Leading and Junior Counsel for the Claimant;
 - (b) read the witness statement referred to in Schedule A;
 - (c) read the witness statements referred to in Confidential Schedule 1;
 - (b) accepted the undertakings set out in Schedule B at the end of this Order; and
 - (c) considered the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 (**HRA**), section 12.
2. This Order was made at a hearing without notice to those affected by it, the Court having considered section 12(2) of the HRA and being satisfied that there are compelling reasons for notice not being given, namely that there is convincing evidence that the Defendant is blackmailing the Claimant and giving notice would carry a real risk of thwarting the purpose of the Application before the Court has had a chance to consider it. The Defendant (and anyone served with or notified of this Order) has a right to apply to the Court to vary or discharge the Order (or so much of it as affects them): see clause 21 below.

ANONYMITY

3. Pursuant to the inherent jurisdiction of the Court and/or CPR 39.2(4) the Judge, being satisfied that it is strictly necessary, ordered that:
 - (a) the Claimant be permitted to issue these proceedings naming the Claimant as “AML” and giving an address c/o the Claimant’s solicitors;
 - (b) the Claimant be permitted to issue these proceedings naming the Defendant as “LMA”;
 - (c) there be substituted for all purposes in these proceedings in place of references to the Claimant by name, and whether orally or in writing, references to the letters “AML”;
 - (c) there be substituted for all purposes in these proceedings in place of references to the Defendant by name, and whether orally or in writing, references to the letters “LMA”; and

- (d) there be substituted for all purposes in these proceedings in place of references to the Claimant's witness by name, and whether orally or in writing, references to the letters "LJS", and permission for the Claimant's witness to give her address c/o the Claimant's solicitors.
- 4. The Court file shall be clearly marked with the words "An anonymity order was made in this case on 22 May 2025 and any application by a non- party to inspect or obtain a copy document from this file must be dealt with in accordance with the terms of that Order."

ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

- 5. Upon the Judge being satisfied that it is strictly necessary, no copies of
 - a. The confidential schedule(s) to any statements of case;
 - b. The confidential schedule(s) to any order;
 - c. The confidential witness statements;
 - d. The confidential schedule(s) or exhibit(s) to the applications and to skeleton argumentswill be provided to a non-party without further order of the Court.
- 6. Any non-party other than a person notified or served with this Order seeking access to, or copies of the abovementioned documents, must make an application to the Court, proper notice of which must be given to the Claimant via his solicitors (see contact details in paragraph 26 below).

SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

- 7. The Claimant has, until further order or until the Defendant's provision of an address for service or filing of a notice of acting, permission to serve the Claim Form, this Order and any other documents relating to these proceedings for this application on the Defendant via the means identified in Confidential Schedule 2, being the email address the Defendant used to contact the Claimant's representative and a mobile telephone number he used to speak to the Claimant's representative and an address at which he is believed to be currently staying.

8. The date of deemed service of the Claim Form shall be the day of sending the Claim Form to the above email address, mobile telephone number and address, that day being 27 May 2025.
9. The Claimant shall file and serve on the Defendant Particulars of Claim within 14 days after the date of service of the Claim Form, the last date on which the Claimant may do so being 10 June 2025.
10. The Defendant must file an Acknowledgment of Service, an admission or a Defence within 14 days after the date of service of the Particulars of Claim.

INJUNCTION

11. Upon the Court applying the test under section 12(3) of the HRA and being satisfied that the Claimant was likely to establish at trial that he would be entitled to a permanent injunction to protect against the misuse or threatened misuse of his private information, an interim injunction was granted until 5 June 2025 (the return date), whereby the Defendant must not:
 - (a) use, publish or communicate or disclose to any other person (other than (i) by way of disclosure to legal advisers instructed in relation to these proceedings (the **Defendant's legal advisers**) for the purpose of obtaining legal advice in relation to these proceedings or (ii) for the purpose of carrying this Order into effect) all or any part of the information referred to in Confidential Schedule 2 to this Order (the **Information**);
 - (b) publish any information which is liable to or might identify the Claimant as a party to the proceedings and/or as the subject of the Information or which otherwise contains material (including but not limited to the profession or age or nationality of the Claimant) which is liable to, or might lead to, the Claimant's identification in any such respect, provided that nothing in this Order shall prevent the publication, disclosure or communication of any information which is contained in this Order other than in the Confidential Schedules or in the public judgments of the Court in this action.

INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED

12. The Defendant shall by 4pm on 27 May 2025 disclose to the Claimant's solicitors by email to the address in paragraph 26 of this Order the following information:
 - (a) an address for service of documents in these proceedings;
 - (b) how the Defendant came into possession of any copies of communications and/or correspondence and/or documents relating to the Claimant including, but not limited to, Instagram direct messages, text messages, Imessages and WhatsApp messages;
 - (c) whether or not the Defendant still has any copies of all or any such communications. If so, the Defendant shall provide to the Claimant's solicitors a breakdown of the documents which he has in his possession, custody or control and where he is storing them;
 - (d) the identity of each and every journalist, press or media organisation, press agent, publicist or any other third party with a view to publication in the press or media whom the Defendant has approached in respect of all or any part of the Information or to whom he has disclosed all or any part of the Information; and
 - (e) the date(s) upon which any such approach(es) and/or disclosure(s) took place and the nature of the information disclosed.
13. Unless the Defendant intends to claim the privilege against self-incrimination (which he would be entitled to do only in respect of the matters at clause 12(b) above) or to rely upon any other legal right to withhold the disclosure of the above information, the Defendant shall confirm all of the information supplied in paragraph 12 above in a witness statement verified by a statement of truth within 7 days and shall serve the same on the Claimant's solicitors by email to the address in paragraph 26 of this Order. If the Defendant does claim privilege against self-incrimination in respect of paragraph 12(b), or relies upon any other legal right to withhold the disclosure of the above information, he shall inform the Claimant's solicitors of the same.

PROTECTION OF HEARING PAPERS

14. The Defendant must not publish or communicate or disclose or copy, or cause to be published or communicated or disclosed or copied, any witness statements and any exhibits thereto and information contained therein that are made, or may subsequently be made, in support of the Application or the Claimant's solicitors' notes of the hearing of the Application (the **Hearing Papers**), provided that the Defendant shall be permitted to copy, disclose and deliver the Hearing Papers to the Defendant's legal advisers for the purpose of these proceedings.
15. The Hearing Papers must be preserved in a secure place by the Defendant's legal advisers on the Defendant's behalf.
16. The Defendant shall be permitted to use the Hearing Papers for the purpose of these proceedings provided that the Defendant's legal advisers shall first inform anyone, to whom the said documents are disclosed, of the terms of this Order and, so far as is practicable, obtain their written confirmation that they understand and accept that they are bound by the same.

PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES

17. The Claimant shall be required to provide the legal advisers of any third party served with advance notice of the application, or a copy of this Order promptly upon request, and receipt of their written irrevocable undertaking to the Court to use those documents and the information contained in those documents only for the purpose of these proceedings:
 - (a) a copy of any material read by the Judge, including material read after the hearing at the direction of the Judge or in compliance with this Order save for the witness statements referred to in Confidential Schedule 1 at the end of this Order; and/or
 - (b) a copy of the Hearing Papers.

PUBLICATION OF ORDER

18. The Judge directed, pursuant to CPR 39.2(5), that having granted anonymity Orders, a copy of this Order shall be published on the website of the Judiciary of England and

Wales, with the Confidential Schedules removed.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

19. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order shall prevent the Defendant from publishing, communicating or disclosing such of the Information, or any part thereof, as was already in, or that thereafter comes into, the public domain in England and Wales as a result of publication in the national media (other than as a result of breach of this Order or a breach of confidence or privacy).

COSTS

20. The costs of and occasioned by the Application are reserved.

VARIATION OR DISCHARGE OF THIS ORDER

21. The parties or anyone affected by any of the restrictions in this Order may apply to the Court at any time to vary or discharge this Order (or so much of it as affects that person), but they must first give written notice to the Claimant's solicitors. If any evidence is to be relied upon in support of the application, the substance of it must be communicated in writing to the Claimant's solicitors in advance. The Defendant may agree with the Claimant's solicitors and any other person who is, or may be bound by this Order, that this Order should be varied or discharged, but any agreement must be in writing.

INTERPRETATION OF THIS ORDER

22. A Defendant who is an individual who is ordered not to do something must not do it himself or in any other way. He must not do it through others acting on his behalf or on his instructions or with his encouragement.
23. A Defendant which is not an individual which is ordered not to do something must not do it itself or by its directors, officers, partners, employees or agents or in any other way.

PERSONS OUTSIDE ENGLAND AND WALES

24. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, the terms of this Order do not affect or concern anyone outside the jurisdiction of this Court.
- (2) The terms of this Order will affect the following persons in a country or state outside the jurisdiction of this Court –
- (a) the Defendant or his officer or agent appointed by power of attorney;
 - (b) any person who –
 - (i) is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court;
 - (ii) has been given written notice of this Order at his residence or place of business within the jurisdiction of this Court; and
 - (iii) is able to prevent acts or omissions outside the jurisdiction of this Court which constitute or assist in a breach of the terms of this Order; and
 - (c) any other person, only to the extent that this Order is declared enforceable by or is enforced by a court in that country or state.

PARTIES OTHER THAN THE CLAIMANT AND THE DEFENDANT

25. **Effect of this Order**

It is a contempt of court for any person notified of this Order knowingly to assist in or permit a breach of this Order. Any person doing so may be imprisoned, fined or have their assets seized.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CLAIMANT'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

26. The Claimant's solicitors are -
- Tim Lowles, Level Law, The Deck, 8-14 Meard Street, London W1F 0EQ, +44(0)20 3865 1000, tim.lowles@level.law

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COURT

27. All communications to the Court about this Order should be sent to:
- Room WG08, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, quoting the case number. The telephone number is 020 7947 6010.
- The offices are open between 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

SCHEDULE A

The Claimant relied on the following non-confidential witness statements:

1. Witness Statement of Timothy Andrew Lowles dated 21/5/2025

SCHEDULE B

UNDERTAKINGS GIVEN TO THE COURT BY THE CLAIMANT

- (1) If the Court later finds that this Order has caused loss to the Defendant, and decides that the Defendant should be compensated for that loss, the Claimant will comply with any order the Court may make.
- (2) If the Court later finds that this Order has caused loss to any person or company (other than the Defendant) to whom the Claimant has given notice of this Order, and decides that such person should be compensated for that loss, the Claimant will comply with any Order the Court may make.
- (3) On the return date the Claimant will inform the Court of the identity of all third parties that have been notified of this Order. The Claimant will use all reasonable endeavours to keep such third parties informed of the progress of the action [insofar as it may affect them], including, but not limited to, advance notice of any applications, the outcome of which may affect the status of the Order.
- (4) If this Order ceases to have effect or is varied, the Claimant will immediately take all reasonable steps to inform in writing anyone to whom he has given notice of this Order, or whom he has reasonable grounds for supposing may act upon this Order, that it has ceased to have effect in this form.

SCHEDULE C

No advance notice to any third party has been given.

SCHEDULE D

The application is not on notice to the Defendant.

SCHEDULE E

The return date is 5 June 2025