



Monday 19 January 2026



IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

ON APPEAL FROM King's Bench High Court Appeals
QB-2021-MAN-000215

BEFORE LORD JUSTICE SINGH

CA-2025-002878-A

B E T W E E N

ABC

Claimant /
APPELLANT

- and -

HUNTERCOMBE (No.12) LIMITED and Others

Defendants /
RESPONDENTS

ON PAPER

Application No.

CA-2025-002878-A

UPON CONSIDERING:

- (1) The Anonymity Order made by the High Court of Justice (His Honour Judge Bird) and sealed on 4th July 2024.
- (2) The Appellant's Application, made in the Form N161.
- (3) The supporting witness statement of the Appellant's solicitor, Mark Anthony McGhee, dated 25th November 2025, together with Exhibits.

AND UPON CONSIDERING:

- (1) The Article 8 rights of the Appellant to respect for private and family life and the risk of harm that identification may cause to the Claimant.
- (2) The importance of open justice and the Article 10 right to freedom of expression.
- (3) It appearing that non-disclosure of the identity of the Appellant is necessary to secure the proper administration of justice and in order to protect the interests of the Appellant and that there is no sufficient countervailing public interest in disclosure.

AND UPON THE COURT CONCLUDING that non-disclosure of the Appellant's identity is necessary to secure the proper administration of justice and in order to protect the Appellant's interests.

AND UPON THE COURT FURTHER CONCLUDING that it is necessary to make a restrictive reporting order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The names of the Appellant, her mother, father, sister and brother and the Litigation Friend be withheld in the appeal documents, and in any judgments and orders in this appeal and for those purposes:
 - (a) The Appellant shall be referred to as ABC.
 - (b) The mother of the Appellant shall be referred to as DEF.
 - (c) The father of the Appellant shall be referred to as GHI.
 - (d) The sister of the Appellant shall be referred to as JKL.
 - (e) The brother of the Appellant shall be referred to as MNO.

2. The Appellant's address shall be substituted by the Appellant's solicitor's address.
3. No report, whether oral or in writing, or other communication in whatever form (including internet or social media) addressed to the public at large or any section of the public, of or concerning this claim which is published from the date of the order may include:
 - (a) The name or address of the Appellant;
 - (b) The name or address of the Appellant's mother, father, sister and brother.
 - (c) Any particulars likely to lead to the identification of the Appellant, her mother, father, sister and brother.
 - (d) Any image or likeness of the Appellant, her mother, father, sister and brother..
4. Any reports or other communications to the public which exist prior to the date of this order are not affected by this order.
5. Pursuant to CPR Rules 5.4C and 5.4D:
 - (i) A person who is not a party to the proceedings may not obtain a copy of any of the appeal documents, judgment or order from the Court records unless the documents, judgment or order has been anonymised in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
 - (ii) If a person who is not a party to the proceedings applies (pursuant to CPR r.5.4C(2)) for permission to inspect or obtain a copy of any other document or communication, such application shall be on at least 7 days' notice to the Appellant's solicitor.
6. The Appellant's solicitor shall file with the Court copies of any existing appeal documents anonymised in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above within 21 days of the date of the order.
7. The Court file shall be clearly marked with the words "An anonymity order was made in this case on 19th January 2026 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."
8. Any interested party, whether or not a party to the proceedings, may apply to the Court to vary or discharge this Order, provided that any such application is made on 7 days' notice to the Appellant's solicitor.
9. This order shall lapse automatically on the death of the Appellant and its provisions shall have no effect from that time.
10. Pursuant to CPR 39.2(5) a copy of this Order shall be published on the website of the Judiciary of England and Wales (www.judiciary.uk). For that purpose, a court officer will send a copy of the order by email to the Judicial Office at judicialwebupdates@judiciary.uk.
11. The costs of obtaining this order be costs in the case.

BY THE COURT