

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS  
OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Claim Number: HC-2019-000570

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOBILE TELEPHONE  
VOICEMAIL INTERCEPTION LITIGATION

BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MANN

B E T W E E N:

BRADLEY ADAMS

Claimant

and

NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Defendant

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STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

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Callum Galbraith, Hamlins LLP, Solicitor for the Claimant

1. My Lord, in this action for misuse of private information, I appear on behalf of the Claimant, Mr Bradley Adams. My learned friend, Mr Silverstone, appears on behalf of the Defendant, News Group Newspapers Limited.
2. The Claimant is film and television producer. He co-founded Natural Nylon, a film and theatre production company, with Jude Law, Sadie Frost and Ewan McGregor. He is a private individual but he has close relationships with a number of high-profile individuals such as Jude Law and Sienna Miller. As a result of these relationships, the Claimant was a person of interest to the press.
3. The Defendant was the publisher of the *News of the World* which, until its closure in July 2011, was the UK's biggest selling Sunday newspaper with a very considerable readership in this jurisdiction. The Defendant was, and remains, the publisher of *The Sun* which still enjoys

a substantial circulation and readership in this jurisdiction both in the hard copies of its publications and on its website.

4. In March 2019, the Claimant issued proceedings against the Defendant. The Claimant alleged that his voicemail messages were intercepted by the Defendant's journalists and that, as a result, these journalists would have been privy to private and confidential voicemail messages left on his mobile telephone by others, such as his family and friends. The Claimant also claimed that the Defendant had obtained his personal information by deception.
5. The Claimant identified a number of articles which he claimed contained his private and confidential information which were published by the Defendant's newspapers between 2000 and 2010, which he claimed were suspicious. During this time, the Claimant used his voicemail extensively and he would regularly receive and leave voicemail messages.
6. As a result of these publications, the Claimant claimed that he became suspicious as to who might be the source of the private information that was being published by the Defendant's newspapers and it was alleged that the publication of the articles generated mistrust within his friendship group.
7. The Claimant is pleased to confirm that he has accepted the Defendant's offer to resolve his claim on terms confidential between the parties, but which involve the Defendant agreeing to pay substantial damages to the Claimant as well as his reasonable legal costs of bringing the claim. The Defendant has also provided appropriate undertakings to the Court and the Claimant, and it has agreed to join in this statement to apologise to the Claimant publicly for the distress caused to him by the invasion of his privacy by individuals working for or on behalf of the *News of the World*. The Defendant makes no admission of liability in relation to the Claimant's allegations of voicemail interception and/or other unlawful information gathering at *The Sun*.

**Ben Silverstone, Counsel for the Defendant**

8. My Lord, on behalf of the Defendant, I confirm everything my learned Friend has said.
9. The Defendant is here today, through me, to offer its sincere apologies to the Claimant for the distress caused to him by the invasion of his privacy by individuals working for or on behalf of the *News of the World*. The Defendant acknowledges that such activity should never have taken place, and that it had no right to intrude into the private life of the Claimant in this way.

**Callum Galbraith, Hamlins LLP, Solicitor for the Claimant**

10. My Lord, in light of the order that has been made, and this public statement, the Claimant considers that the matter is now concluded.

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**Solicitors for the Claimant**

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**Clifford Chance LLP**  
**Solicitors for the Defendant**

