

ROYAL COURT
(Superior Number)

140.

21st October, 1993

Before: The Bailiff, and Jurats
Coutanche, Vint, Blampied, Myles,
Orchard, Hamon, Vibert, Rumfitt.

Between: David Martin Watkins **Plaintiff**
And: Peter Geoffrey Kevitt Manton **Defendant**

Representation of the Plaintiff alleging breach of Interim Injunction.

Advocate D.E. Le Cornu for the Plaintiff.
Advocate C.J. Scholefield for the Defendant.

JUDGMENT

THE BAILIFF: The Court is unanimous that the Defendant has been guilty of contempt of Court and of a serious contempt at that. This is not the first occasion on which you have set yourself up to judge others and to judge the Orders of the Court, according to your own (as your counsel has said) 'subjective analysis'. The rule of Law does not allow people to do that.

However, despite what I have just said, we have noted what you said in your speech. We sympathise very much with your wife, whom you have put through a most difficult and painful time this morning, for what reason we cannot understand. It would have been quite enough if you had passed up your statement to us; it was quite unnecessary to publish it in the way you have. It shows a complete insensitivity to other people's feelings.

However, we think that your condition is such that you require help. That has already been given to you on other occasions, but what that help should be and how it should assist you is not for us to say. We take note of your physical and mental condition and under the circumstances, although we still take a very serious view of what you have done, we are going to be merciful. We are going to bind you over for a year on condition that you seek and take the advice of the Dean. The injunctions, as we have already said, will remain.

No authorities.