

Statement

Nicholas James Ashworth

Ashworth v Ashworth BD18D10629

2nd September 2020

I, Nicholas James Ashworth of 1 Holly Bush Way Beverley HU17 8GA make this statement in relation to the court order dated 19th August 2020.

I wish to make a statement to the court to highlight the absurdity of the lack of cooperation by the instructing solicitors and to explain the reason why Para 3 of the order has not been discharged.

Firstly, the court order which was drafted by the applicant's barrister was not signed off by me and the first sight of it was upon receipt of an email from the solicitors on the 26 August 2020 at 318pm, some 7 days after it was written and 42 minutes before the first deadline. This is a common theme within these proceedings.

I emailed the solicitors on the same day at 405pm suggesting the best course of action would be for their client to send the "pictures" which related to her 40 descriptions as some were rather vague. I was and still am happy to provide a statement to the court to save time and costs in relation to the said "pictures". The instructing solicitors have failed to engage in cooperating and asking their client to complete this request and insist that I "guess" to which pictures the applicant is referring to.

The original Application Notice dated 3rd June 2020 states that he "... has failed to disclose his true business interests" My comment to the court on this matter is that from 191 pictures it has been watered down to 40, numerous descriptions relate to the same topic of cash, looking at watches, looking at properties. These acts alone constitute nothing but a continued slur upon my character. The descriptions relating to a previous business interest some 7 years prior could and should have been raised in the SJE yet the instructing solicitors have failed to do this yet have generated more legal fees for the applicant unnecessarily.

It is my belief that the solicitors have had sight and knowledge of contents of the zip file especially the watered down version of the 40 "pictures". This is based upon the depth they have looked into personal matters such as dental treatment completed prior to my divorce and secretly opening our son's private bank statements of which comments were made about a small amount of money paid into his account to pay for college shoes. It is insulting to the court that matters such as in Para 35 of the applicants descriptions of the "sale of business" that this was ignored and my dental work was prioritised is indicative of their approach. Their refusal to allow a third party technical expert to see if they have had sight via email or other means at my expense says everything.

I have complied with the court order requiring disclosure for the bank accounts etc for the final hearing and this was completed on the 25th August 2020 and yet still the applicants solicitor has not supplied their clients. It is feared that they will be leaving it to the last minute as usual giving me less time to make sure everything is included.

If the applicant can supply me the 40 pictures she wants to submit to correlate to her 40 descriptions then I will action a statement within 24 hours to assist the court and the applicant's solicitor.

This a true statement made by Nicholas Ashworth of 1 Holly Bush Way
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