

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS**  
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**B E T W E E N:-**

**NANCY MOIR**

**Claimant**

**and**

**NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED**

**Defendant**

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**STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT**

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**Solicitor for the Claimant**

1. In this action for misuse of private information, I appear for the Claimant. My learned friend, Anthony Hudson QC appears for the Defendant.
2. The Claimant is a model and television personality who appeared in the British comedy film, *Love Actually*, as well as the 2004 edition of ITV's prime-time show, *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*. She is married to James Moir, better known as Vic Reeves. Mr Moir is a comedian, artist, actor and television presenter.
3. The Defendant is NGN Limited, a subsidiary company of News Corp UK and Ireland Limited trading as News UK. NGN Limited was the publisher of the *News of the World* newspaper until its closure in July 2011. It also publishes *The Sun*. Both the *News of the World* and *The Sun* were high circulation newspapers which were read by millions during the relevant period.
4. After the commencement of Operation "Weeting", the Claimant's husband, Mr Moir, was contacted by the Metropolitan Police who informed him that he may have been a victim of voicemail interception by individuals working for or on behalf of the *News of the World*. Mr Moir therefore instructed solicitors to investigate matters, and his

solicitors obtained disclosure from the MPS relating to him. Mr Moir learnt that details including his name, date of birth and his ex-wife's name appeared in Glenn Mulcaire's notes.

5. The Claimant was not provided with any disclosure by the MPS. However, as a result of Mr Moir's claim, the Claimant instructed solicitors and a Letter Before Claim was sent on 13 March 2017. The letter identified a number of articles which the Claimant believed were suspicious. On 23 March 2017 the Claimant issued proceedings against the Defendant.
6. On 14 July 2017, the Claimant served her Particulars of Claim in which she relied on 21 articles published in the *News of the World* and *The Sun*. She alleged that between 2001 and 2010 she experienced suspicious telephone and media-related activity. This activity included the fact that information about the Claimant's private life was published in the Defendant's newspapers in relation to which she believed there was no legitimate expectation as to how this information had been obtained, as well as photographers turning up unexpectedly at various times or locations.
7. On 18 August 2017, the Defendant served its Defence on the Claimant.
8. In March 2018, the Claimant accepted the Defendant's offer to resolve her claim which involved the Defendant agreeing to pay her damages and the reasonable legal costs of her solicitors. The Defendant also provided appropriate undertakings to the Court and to the Claimant, and agreed to join in this statement to apologise to the Claimant for the distress caused to her by the invasion of her privacy by individuals working for or on behalf of the *News of the World*. The parties have agreed and noted that 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*.

#### **Solicitor for the Defendant**

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

**Solicitor for the Claimant**

11. In the light of the order which has been made and this statement, the Claimant considers that she is fully vindicated.

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**Hamkins LLP**

**Solicitors for the Claimant**

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**Clifford Chance LLP**

**Solicitors for the Defendant**