

Bond Pearce

Telephone attendance

Client: Royal Mail Group PLC Sub Postmaster Litigation

Matter: Mr Lee Castleton

Matter no: 348035.134

Attending:

Name: Stephen Dilley

Location: N/A

Date: 18 August 2006

Start time:

Units:

I had a telephone conversation with Cheryl Woodward. This was a catch-up call to discuss progress on the case. Cheryl is based at Chesterfield and works on the business side.

Summarising the Claim and the Defence to her. Explaining that what initially started as a debt recovery matter has now turned into a much broader point given the horizon type Defence of Mr Castleton and that Post Office Legal consider that if they are seen to settle on this Case, or walk away, then that will open floodgates for lots of other Sub-Postmaster claims given that they are all talking to each other on blogging websites, however explaining to her the costs given 7-10 days in Court and ten or more witnesses could well be two or three hundred thousand pounds. Accordingly, if you look at the Case in isolation it is completely nonsensical, especially given that Mr Castleton's asset position suggests that he would be unable to pay. However, the PO have taken a broader view.

Also explained to Cheryl that I will need to take a Witness Statement from somebody in Chesterfield and interview them next week. Statements have got to be exchanged in September. Explaining that I need somebody from the Cheque Team who cancelled all the cheques. She will speak to her Manager and will get a Manager to call me and give me an idea of who to speak to. She also confirmed that Girobank were based in Liverpool.

We agreed that I would hear from her Manager later today.

Time engaged – 24 mins.