
From: Richardson, Simon [mailto:] GRO
Sent: Wed 17/07/2013 7:09:00 AM (UTC)
To: Susan Crichton [mailto:] GRO
Subject: Re: PRIVATE - For discussion

Susan

Having reflected myself, whilst I believe there is a danger of too many of us lawyers/cooks on this narrow point it's not a significant addition unless you decide long term to have a firm looking over Cartwright King's shoulder. That may become necessary if there is any criticism of those running the prosecutions (including counsel).

Of equal importance is making sure board members fully understand the range of issues and the limitations or constraints upon POL/Legal. Gavin, Andy and I would be happy to accompany you, it's your call as to which combination you consider will work best for you and the board member.

Regards
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From: Susan Crichton [mailto:] GRO
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 06:46 PM
To: Matthews, Gavin
Cc: Richardson, Simon
Subject: Re: PRIVATE - For discussion

Thanks for your note! You are correct - I need to think about this.

Susan

From: Matthews, Gavin [mailto:] GRO
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 05:24 PM
To: Susan Crichton
Cc: Richardson, Simon [mailto:] GRO
Subject: PRIVATE - For discussion

Susan

I've just had a brief conversation with Simon before he disappeared into the tube so have caught up about Second Sight.

Separately I received calls after sending the message below from both Rodric (from Portugal) and Hugh (from Ireland)

I won't recount the full details but Rodric suggested initially that instead of a criminal barrister POL may use DAC Beachcroft. I said that was of course up to POL but I thought one more firm being involved in this matter might get complicated and the advantage of a barrister was that they would be completely independent and have no pre conceived ideas. Rodric thought that was sensible.

Hugh subsequently called me to say that he had spoken to DAC Beachcroft (Mary Lawrence) having spoken to you but that I should continue to consider criminal silks who POL may want to use to oversee what Cartwright King are doing.

I am just a bit concerned that there may be too many law firms involved looking at things through different lenses. Of course it is up to you whom POL instructs but you may just want to reflect on this overnight.

I have copied in Simon for when he emerges from the underground system!

Happy to discuss at any time

Kind regards

Gavin

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From: Matthews, Gavin

Sent: 16 July 2013 15:48

To: 'Susan Crichton'; Parsons, Andrew

Cc: Richardson, Simon; Hugh Flemington; Rodric Williams; Jarnail A Singh

Subject: RE: For discussion [BD-4A.FID20472253]

Susan

I know that you are with Simon and Andy today so I have taken an initial look at this for you. I agree with you that I would expect the advice to me more prescriptive ie you **need** to say this in response.

I do also have concerns from a civil point of view over a couple of statements in the draft response. In particular where it states;

"He has done so both to POL and, in expert witness statements and oral evidence, to the court. In particular he has: attested to the presence of defect detection and rectification systems; the robustness of the prosecution audit trail; and stated that, in his expert opinion, Horizon accurately records and processes all information submitted into the system. The Second Sight Interim report demonstrates that this was not the case."

I consider this to be unhelpful given that the SS report found there to be no systemic problems with Horizon.

It shows the need for all POL letters (criminal and civil) to contain a consistent message - so that the right hand and the left hand know what they are each doing.

I am not a criminal lawyer but I would query whether the CCRC have the power to review a case where the SPM entered a plea of guilty in the magistrates' court.

I would be happy to suggest some criminal barristers to take a look at this for you

Perhaps you could discuss this with Simon and Andy today if you get the chance.

Kind regards

Gavin

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Sent: 16 July 2013 13:58

To: Parsons, Andrew

Cc: Richardson, Simon; Matthews, Gavin; Hugh Flemington; Rodric Williams; Jarnail A Singh

Subject: For discussion

Andy - we received a letter from the CRCC yesterday which I have asked Cartwright King to review..their advice feels odd to me as if given on a take it or leave it basis and I am not comfortable that's particularly useful in this context.

Could we discuss, I am happy to go to another firm that specialises in Criminal law or a barrister, somehow it feels as if there is a conflict here which I am not sure I understand.

Thanks

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