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To: Rodric Williams [GRO]
Subject: RE: not sure if any use

Very useful - thank you

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From: Rodric Williams
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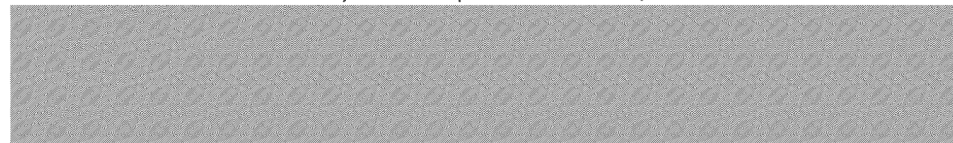
Jfsa has had criminal lawyers supporting the whole time....

Jfsa's old website also had a bit about mediation not being able to deal with convictions, but it could refer your case to a criminal lawyer (the same firm as below) if that's what needed looking at (Andy P might be able to find this?).

Two points from this:

1. They have access to legal advice,
2. They know mediation won't help with criminal

I also attach the speaking notes we used for the CCRC meeting, and my working draft which cross references various source documents which may have helpful sound bites/substantiation for what we're saying (i.e. an evidence base!).



From: Melanie Corfield
Sent: 03 July 2015 16:28
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Oh yes - think that was Issy Hogg who is from this firm I think. I believe she gave the incredible quote that 'they don't look like criminals'. From a media point of view I am astounded that no-one ever seems to ask the defence lawyers why their clients pleaded guilty and why they have not tried to appeal. Seems it is only Post Office who get asked the questions! Oh well - sunny weekend ahead hopefully and Panorama story still not showing in the schedules (they are now trailing something on Greece for Monday 13th). Enjoy.
Mel

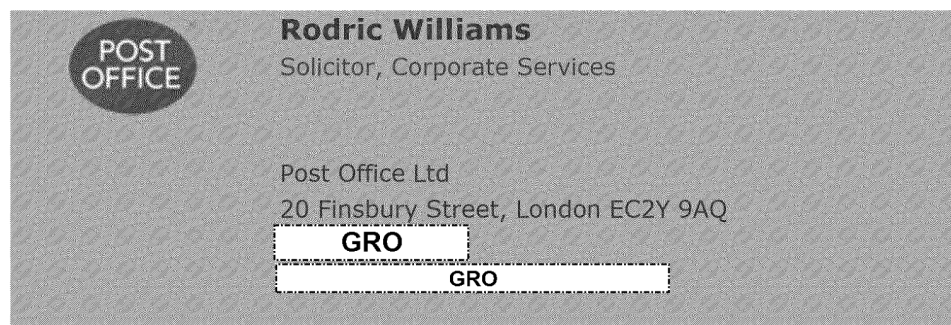
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Thanks Mel.

You might also recall that the (first?) One Show piece at the end of last year interviewed a criminal law solicitor (who

may be from that firm) who said she had been looking at this for some time (years?). It is telling that they have not been involved in any appeal.

On your specific point – yes, each case has to be looked at on its own facts. So, even if something is found to be “wrong”, it still needs to be shown that the wrong operated to the detriment of the individual *in their particular case*.



From: Melanie Corfield
Sent: 03 July 2015 01:06
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Hi Rod

Was just checking on something and came across the below from Coomber Rich solicitors website in 2013 when interim report came out. It just confirms they were looking at appeals then regarding the cases they had (think Hamilton and Misra but can't remember!) on the basis of information from the investigation so thought it might be of use to you at some point. It also makes clear case by case basis, a point I am still trying to make journos and politicians understand!!! How can anything be decided any other way?!

Mel

Coomber Rich Solicitors in 2013

Post Office Horizon System Challenged

On 8th July the interim report commissioned by the Post Office into the Horizon system was released. While no systemic failure was found, there were a number of problems that gave cause for concern. Within the next few days the report will be available to read on the website of the Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance. We are now beginning the process of considering whether there can be any appeals against conviction which would obviously be on a case by case basis.

For further information visit [Justice For Subpostmasters Alliance website](#)