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POST OFFICE LIMITED MATTERS – DISPUTE RESOLUTION
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL – CLAIMS OVER £500K OR THOSE OF A SENSITIVE NATURE

FILE NAME	CASE HOLDER	BUSINESS UNIT & CONTACT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	XSP
Horizon claims	POL/HF/CD	Rod Ismay of POL	<p>POL has received notification of a total of five (5) claims from former subpostmasters (SPMs).</p> <p>Each alleges wrongful termination of contract (based on (a) alleged defects in POL's internal processes and (b) alleged defects with Horizon). Each is seeking damages in the sum of circa £150,000.</p> <p>Four of the five claims remain at the pre-action stage (i.e. there are no live court proceedings). Court proceedings were issued in respect of the fifth claim, but this claim has been struck out.</p> <p>Shoosmiths assert that they have consulted on a further 85 cases, which are all likely to raise similar legal issues.</p>	<p>(1) <u>Scott Darlington</u>. Claim rejected on the basis that the SPMR admitted to and was convicted of false accounting. Responded to Shoosmiths on the basis that the SPM can have no claim for wrongful termination in circumstances where he had repudiated his contract.</p> <p>Last correspondence sent to Shoosmiths on 14/12/2011. Shoosmiths are yet to take any further action.</p> <p>(2) <u>Julian Wilson</u>. Position as above.</p> <p>Last correspondence sent to Shoosmiths on 14/12/2011. Shoosmiths are yet to take any further action.</p> <p>(3) <u>Terence Walters</u>. SPMR admitted to false accounting, but not convicted.</p> <p>Last correspondence sent to Shoosmiths on 14/12/2011. Shoosmiths are yet to take any further action.</p> <p>(4) <u>Thakshila Somaskandaraiah</u>. BP</p>	Bond Pearce (Gavin Matthews, Helen Watson)

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				<p>have responded to Shoosmiths stating that the claim is time barred and cannot now be pursued. No response to this letter from Shoosmiths to date.</p> <p>(5) <u>Lynne Prosser</u>. Proceedings were commenced by Prosser in June 2011.</p> <p>POL has been successful in having this claim struck out. Permission to appeal has been refused.</p> <p>Bond Pearce has been instructed to pursue Prosser for costs which are c.£10,000.</p>	
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