

**AWDRY BAILEY & DOUGLAS**

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Mr T. Line

Our Ref: ANB/LSM/AWD00005/026

Trowbridge  
Wiltshire

Your Ref:

Date: 3rd September 2010

Dear Sir,

**PROPOSED ACTION: (1) ADRIAN BRESSINGTON (2) AWDRY, BAILEY & DOUGLAS v  
(1) TIMOTHY LINE (2) RICK KORDOWSKI**

We write pursuant to the Pre-Action Protocol for Defamation. We strongly recommend that you seek legal advice in relation to this letter. Our complaint concerns a posting published by you on the website [www.solicitorsfromhell.co.uk](http://www.solicitorsfromhell.co.uk); ('the website') on a date currently unknown to us but no later than 2 September 2010. A print-out of the relevant webpage containing the posting is attached to this letter.

The posting, which remains accessible on the website, contains numerous highly defamatory, untrue statements about Mr Bressington and Awdry, Bailey and Douglas Solicitors ("the Firm"). These statements have caused and continue to cause substantial harm to Mr Bressington and the Firm. Without limiting the extent of any future claim we consider that the posting carries the following seriously defamatory meaning:

Mr Bressington is guilty of the utmost professional misconduct, dishonesty and cruelty in that whilst representing a client in divorce proceedings he:

- (1) repeatedly lied in court;
- (2) employed disgraceful tactics tantamount to "legalised child abuse" in order to deliberately damage his client's children's relationship with their father;
- (3) conducted the litigation in a manner which was not in the interests of his client but was solely motivated by financial gain for himself and his Firm.

As you are well aware, there is no truth whatsoever in any of these allegations. At no stage during the litigation did Mr Bressington lie to the court, nor is there any question of Mr Bressington acting with anything other than the utmost professionalism throughout the course of the litigation. Your allegations as to the motives of Mr Bressington are without foundation and we assume stem from your dissatisfaction with the ultimate outcome of the proceedings.



[www.awdry.co.uk](http://www.awdry.co.uk)

Mr Bressington is the Head of the Family Law Department at the Firm and is an extremely well respected lawyer with an established family law practice in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset. He is also a member of the Solicitors Regulation Authority Family Law Panel and accordingly defamatory allegations relating to his professional probity are particularly damaging. Although the allegations are directed at Mr Bressington, the posting is listed under the Firm's name and we consider that the allegations are equally damaging to the professional reputation of the Firm.

The substantial reputational damage caused and continuing to be caused by the on-going publication of these libellous statements will be self-evident, relating as they do to the very core of Mr Bressington's professional and personal integrity, and by association the Firm's professional reputation. In addition these entirely baseless assertions have caused enormous personal distress to Mr Bressington.

The harm is increased by the fact that the website claims to be "*the first point of reference for complaints against solicitors*" thereby giving an air of purported legitimacy to the complaints published on the website. Any individual currently carrying out a google search for "Mr Bressington" or "Awdry, Bailey and Douglas Solicitors" is directed on the first page on the search results to the website and the words complained of. The posting was brought to our attention by a third party and it is clear that there has already been substantial publication to other third parties.

In light of the above we require the following from you:

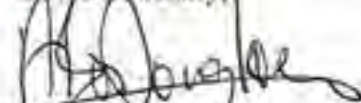
1. A written undertaking not to repeat the words complained of or similar allegations in relation to Mr Bressington or the Firm.
2. Your proposals as to the payment of a substantial sum in damages to Mr Bressington and the Firm.
3. The payment of our costs to date, currently estimated at £1,500 plus VAT totalling £1,762.50.

In accordance with the Pre-action Protocol you have 14 days from the date of this letter to provide a response. Please inform us by return if you are unable to respond substantively within this timescale. The Protocol is accessible at:

[http://www.justice.gov.uk/civil/procrules\\_fin/contents/protocols/prot\\_def.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/civil/procrules_fin/contents/protocols/prot_def.htm). Failure to comply with the protocol may result in adverse costs consequences and we therefore repeat our recommendation that you seek urgent legal advice in relation to this matter. We have written separately to the owner of the website requesting, inter alia, the immediate removal of the posting. Should you fail to respond satisfactorily to our requests we put you on notice that we intend to issue a claim in libel without further notice and will be seeking a substantial sum in damages as well as our costs as part of that claim. In the meantime we reserve all our rights.

All contact details with this firm are shown on this letterhead.

Yours faithfully,



Awdry Bailey & Douglas