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#MeToo victim Sand Van Roy receives full apology and substantial damages from MailOnline for revealing her rape complaint against French film director Luc Besson



MailOnline apologised in the High Court to Sand Van Roy (the Dutch-Belgian actor and former comedian) over revealing her identity as a complainant in a rape case against a French film director (allegations which the individual strongly denies), together with publishing false details about her complaint. MailOnline has also agreed to pay Ms Van Roy substantial damages, as well as her legal costs. [Read more](#)

Sand Van Roy is advised by [Nigel Tait](#), [Helena Shipman](#) and [Katherine Hooley](#).

Owner of The Ritz suing The Times over false Syrian Allegations

Abdulahdi Mana Al-Hajri, owner of the Ritz Hotel in London has instructed Carter-Ruck to bring immediate legal proceedings against The Times following the publication of wholly false allegations linking him to the supposed funding of extremism in Syria. [Read more](#)

Abdulahdi Mana Al-Hajr is advised by [Cameron Doley](#).



Mail on Sunday and MailOnline pay £65,000 in damages over Carl

Beech libel

A clinical psychologist and therapist has won her libel claim against the Mail on Sunday and MailOnline. Dr Elly Hanson issued proceedings over false and defamatory allegations relating to her involvement in Operations Midland and Conifer.

Dr Elly Hanson was advised by [Nigel Tait](#) and [Mathilde Groppo](#) of Carter-Ruck. [Read more](#)

Marc Wadsworth secures apologies and substantial libel damages over false “intimidation” allegations

The campaigner, journalist and lecturer, Marc Wadsworth, has received full apologies and substantial damages from the publisher of The Jewish Chronicle.

Mr Wadsworth brought his complaint over an article published in March 2021, which falsely alleged that he was involved in an initiative to track down Jewish Labour activists at their private addresses in order to intimidate, threaten or harass them into silence. An agreed statement in open Court, recording the publisher’s apologies, was read on 22 July 2021 before Mrs Justice Collins Rice, who commented: “This was a serious mistake for the Jewish Chronicle to have made”.

Mr Wadsworth was advised by [Adam Tudor](#) and [Dominic Garner](#). [Read more](#)

The Times and MailOnline apologise and pays very substantial libel damages to Al-Khair Foundation and Imam Qasim over false human trafficking allegations

Both MailOnline and The Times have published full apologies and paid substantial damages totalling £65,000, together with the Foundation’s legal costs over false human trafficking allegations they published about them in 2020.

Al-Khair Foundation and its Founder were represented by [Adam Tudor](#) and [Helena Shipman](#). [Read more](#)



Law In Sport review: Guidance for Athletes on Social Media Use and Reviewing Historic Posts

Dominic Garner writes an in-depth legal analysis for Law In Sport highlighting the scrutiny that historic social media will attract when entering the public eye. This follows the media storm surrounding England and Sussex County cricketer Ollie Robinson who became the latest professional sports person to find themselves at the centre of a social media backlash over previous Twitter posts. [Read more](#)

Anti-SLAPP legislation used to dismiss libel claim against Al Jazeera

Claire Gill

On 16 February 2021 Carter-Ruck client Al Jazeera Media Network won a motion to dismiss a defamation claim brought by the Rebel News Network Ltd in Ontario. Rebel News, a right-wing news organisation, sued over allegations broadcast by Al Jazeera on its "Listening Post" programme in September 2019.

The motion was brought under the "anti-SLAPP" legislation in Ontario under its Courts of Justice Act and was an application for an order dismissing the action as being a strategic lawsuit against public participation ("SLAPP"). [Read more](#)



Oliver Cox on talkRADIO: Libellous online reviews

Oliver Cox joined talkRADIO to discuss the growing trend of libellous online reviews in light of the case of Summerfield Browne Ltd v Philip James Waymouth [2021] EWHC 85 (QB), a negative Trustpilot review of a law firm. Watch the talkRADIO interview [here](#).

Vardy v Rooney [2021] EWHC 1888 (QB)

Georgia Scarr

In what is the latest battle in the raging war between Rebecca Vardy and Coleen Rooney, on 7 July 2021, the High Court struck out multiple paragraphs from Coleen Rooney's defence and Vardy lost her bid for summary judgment in the Vardy v Rooney defamation case pre-trial hearing [2021] EWHC 1888 (QB). [Read more](#)

Improperly pleaded social media libel claim facing 'inevitable defeat' struck out (Webb v Jones)

Mathilde Groppo provides a case analysis for LexisNexis on the High Court judgment given on a strike out application in a libel claim relating to comments published on Facebook in Webb v Jones [2021] EWHC 1618. [Read more](#)

Bare comment defamatory at common law - Jeremy Corbyn's appeal against preliminary issue findings dismissed

Mathilde Groppo writes an analysis for LexisNexis on the Court of Appeal's decision on Jeremy Corbyn's appeal of part of the judgment which followed the trial of preliminary issues in the libel proceedings brought against him by Richard Millett - Corbyn v Millett [2021] EWCA Civ 567. [Read more](#)

High Court awards £100k in damages to former FA CEO in defamation and harassment claim

Helena Shipman provides an analysis for LexisNexis on Glenn v Kline [2021] EWHC 468 (QB). This case concerned the appropriate remedies in a harassment and libel claim brought following judgment in default. [Read more](#)



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