

Press Release

Carter-Ruck

22 July 2011

Carter-Ruck Solicitors

6 St Andrew Street
London EC4A 3AE

T 020 7353 5005
F 020 7353 5553
DX 333 Chancery Lane
www.carter-ruck.com

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER JOHN YATES ISSUES LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE EVENING STANDARD

John Yates, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has today issued High Court proceedings for libel against the London Evening Standard over aspects of its reporting of his conduct in the News of the World phone-hacking investigation. The claim relates to allegations published in articles on 7 July 2011.

Mr Yates' solicitor, Luke Staiano of Carter-Ruck, said:

"The Evening Standard published highly defamatory allegations concerning Assistant Commissioner Yates which go to the heart of his integrity as a police officer. The allegations are completely false and without foundation. The newspaper made no effort to contact Mr Yates to verify the accuracy of the allegations and even wrongly claimed in the article that Mr Yates had not responded to calls. The Evening Standard has refused to apologise or withdraw the allegations, leaving Mr Yates with no alternative but to bring legal proceedings."

For further information please contact Ruth Collard or Luke Staiano of Carter-Ruck (020 7353 5005 or ruth.collard@carter-ruck.com or luke.staiano@carter-ruck.com).

Partners

Andrew Stephenson
Alasdair Pepper
Guy Martin
Nigel Tait
Ruth Collard
Cameron Doley
Claire Gill
Adam Tudor
Hanna Basha
Magnus Boyd

Partnership Secretary

Helen Burluck

Regulated by the
Solicitors Regulation
Authority

SRA No. 44769