



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NUMBER: PT-2018-000741

BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

PROPERTY, TRUSTS AND PROBATE LIST (CHD)

PT-2018-000741

IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOHN DE CLARE STUDDERT DECEASED

Chief Master Marsh

6 April 2020

BETWEEN

- (1) PETER JAMES KING (as Personal Representative of the Deceased)
First Claimant
- (2) DANIEL MARTIN VALENTINE (as Personal Representative of the Deceased)
Second Claimant

and

- (1) JULIAN BEWICK (as Trustee for the EAC Educational Trust)
First Defendant
- (2) FERGUS WILLIAM MURISON (as Trustee for the EAC Educational Trust)
Second Defendant
- (3) DANIEL MARTIN VALENTINE (as Trustee for the EAC Educational Trust)
Third Defendant
- (4) CHRISTOPHER STAFFORD (as Trustee for the EAC Educational Trust)
Fourth Defendant

ORDER

UPON the application of the Claimants by Part 8 Claim Form dated 27 September 2018 for directions as to the administration of the Estate of the late Michael John De Clare Studdert ("the Deceased") pursuant to part 64(2)(a) of the Civil Procedure Rules.

AND UPON considering the Claimants' Application Notice dated 24 February 2020 and the sixth and seventh witness statements of Daniel Jerome Winter dated 11 February 2020 and 18 March 2020 respectively, and the Expert report of David Greenwood dated 5 December 2019.

AND UPON the Court is satisfied that the Deceased committed historic sexual assault within the jurisdiction of England and Wales and outside the said jurisdiction in Poland, Denmark, and Italy ("Historic Assault") and that the Historic Assault may lead to personal injury claims against the Deceased and hence his Estate.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The Claimants shall not distribute the net estate of the Deceased until further order.
2. The Defendants are permitted to apply.
3. The Claimants shall take steps to:
 - 3.1 create dedicated web sites in the English, Polish, Danish and Italian languages providing details of:
 - (a) the Deceased's date of death, his criminal convictions and a copy of this Order; and
 - (b) a facility to allow claimants to contact the Claimants' solicitors via the said web site; and
 - 3.2 create entries in the following social media; Twitter, Facebook, and Wikipedia; in the English, Polish, Danish and Italian languages to signpost claimants in respect of Historic Assault towards the website to be created in accordance with paragraph 3.1 above; and
 - 3.3 maintain the web site and social media entries created in accordance with paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above, until further order.
4. The Claimants shall instruct an appropriately qualified individual or organisation to provide a report for the Court addressing the issues regarding contacting directly any known victims of Historic Abuse.

5. The Claimants shall give notice of this Order together with details of the Deceased's criminal convictions to the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in London and invite the recipient to provide further information relating to investigations by the Polish authorities into Historic Assault in Poland.
6. Within 21 days of this Order the Claimants' solicitors are to write to the Court to provide up to date details of the net Estate.
7. The Claimants are entitled to be indemnified for their reasonable costs of these proceedings out of the Estate of the Deceased on the indemnity basis.

This order shall be served by the Claimants on the Defendants.

Service of the order

The court has provided a sealed copy of this order to the serving party:

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