

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MIRROR NEWSPAPERS HACKING LITIGATION

B E T W E E N : -

SIENNA MILLER

Claimant

and

MGN LIMITED

Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

Solicitor for the Claimant

1. I appear for the Claimant, Sienna Miller, in her claim for misuse of private information against the Defendant, MGN Limited, who I will refer to as MGN.
2. My friend, [], appears for MGN.
3. Sienna Miller is a well-known British actress, who has starred in a number of films such as *Alfie*, *Layer Cake*, *Stardust*, *The Girl*, *American Sniper*, *Interview*, *Highrise*, *Foxcatcher*, *Live by Night* and *Edge of Love*. Ms Miller was the subject of intense media scrutiny and serious intrusion into her private life for a number of years.
4. MGN is the publisher of newspapers throughout the UK, including three national tabloid newspapers, namely the Daily Mirror, the Sunday Mirror, and the People.
5. From at least early 2003 onwards, Ms Miller was of considerable interest to MGN. This was because of her acting career as well as her relationships with other individuals (including Jude

Law) who were also of interest to MGN.

6. During this period, Ms Miller received a number of calls on her mobile telephone, which when she answered the caller would hang up. In addition, on a number of occasions, new voicemail messages, which Ms Miller had not yet listened to, appeared as old messages. Furthermore, on many occasions, Ms Miller did not receive voicemail messages that had been left for her by her friends. This is consistent in hindsight with the unauthorised accessing of her voicemails. As a result of this unusual phone activity, and private information appearing in the public domain, the Claimant and her publicist became increasingly concerned that her mobile telephone was not secure. Ms Miller also distrusted a number of people very close to her.
7. In 2014, Ms Miller was contacted by the Metropolitan Police Service who informed her that she might have been a victim of voicemail interception by journalists from MGN. Ms Miller found out through disclosure from the Police that her name, number and telephone numbers, as well as those of a number of her associates, were in Mr Evans' Palm Pilot. She subsequently found out that her name and number, as well as the names and numbers of a number of her family, were also in Mr Buckley's Palm Pilot. She also found out that a number of people very close to her, including members of her family, had been subject to voicemail interception by the Defendant's journalists.
8. On 3 June 2016, two years after being contacted by the Metropolitan Police Service, Ms Miller's solicitors first wrote to MGN setting out her claim for voicemail interception against MGN and seeking full disclosure from MGN. MGN provided disclosure to Ms Miller, which included call data showing numerous calls made by MGN journalists to Ms Miller on one day in 2005 and two days in 2006 as well as call data showing calls to a number of people she was close to. MGN also disclosed 10 private investigator invoices dated between February 2003 and September 2005 relating to Ms Miller personally and a number of others relating to her close friends or family.
9. It was plain from the disclosure that Ms Miller had been targeted extensively by journalists from all three MGN titles as had those people around her. Having received no proposals to settle the claim, Ms Miller issued a claim against MGN on 2 November 2017. On 30 November 2017, MGN wrote and admitted liability to Ms Miller on an open basis and offered her damages, payment of her reasonable costs, an undertaking not to intercept any voicemails left for or by her, a private letter of apology and a public apology by way of a statement in open

court.

10. On 8 February 2017, Ms Miller served her Particulars of Claim in which she alleged, amongst other things, that she was targeted by MGN from at least early 2003 onwards, that her close friends and family were targeted in order to obtain private information about her and that numerous articles published across all three MGN titles were the product of voicemail interception and/or other unlawful information gathering techniques.
11. Ms Miller was extremely upset by the lengths MGN went to invade her private life. Even though it was number of years ago, the consequences have been far reaching in terms of the distress caused at the time and the lasting damage to many friendships and relationships as well as to her career. It has made her very angry to also discover that so many people close to her, some of which she suspected of potentially being the source of the private information, were being targeted by MGN as well.
12. I am here today to announce that in May 2017, through negotiation, Ms Miller resolved her claim with MGN. MGN has paid her substantial damages and has agreed to pay her reasonable legal costs. MGN also agreed to join in this Statement in Open Court in order to publicly apologise and has also apologised privately to Ms Miller. MGN has also given an undertaking to Ms Miller that it will not intercept her voicemail messages again.

Solicitor for the Defendant

13. My Lord, on behalf of the Defendant, MGN, I confirm everything that my friend [] has said.
14. MGN is here today, through me, to offer its apologies to Ms Miller for the damage and distress that it caused her by intercepting her voicemail messages a number of years ago.

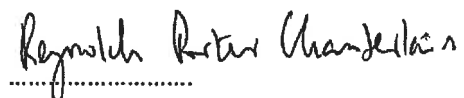
Solicitor for the Claimant

15. My Lord, Ms Miller is pleased that MGN has acknowledged and apologised for its wrongdoing and in view of this Statement in Open Court, which was agreed as part of her settlement, she considers that this matter is now concluded.


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Solicitor for the Claimant

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Solicitor for the Defendant

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