

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No.HQ09X02634

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

BEFORE MR(S) JUSTICE

BETWEEN: -

LILY ALLEN

Claimant

- and -

(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED
(2) SO PRESS S.A.R.L

Defendants

statement in open court

SOLICITOR FOR THE CLAIMANT

1. In this matter, I appear for the Claimant. My friend, Mr ^{Dugdale} Prescott, appears for the Second Defendant.
2. The Claimant is an internationally recognised and respected singer and songwriter who was born ████████ in London. She has had two best-selling albums both in this country and abroad. The Second Defendant is the publisher of So Foot, a French language football magazine.
3. In the May 2009 issue of So Foot Magazine, the Second Defendant published an article under the headline "*Les Footballeurs courent après tout ce que deteste*", which purported to be an exclusive, first-person interview given by the Claimant to the magazine.
4. The interview suggested that the Claimant had made various offensive remarks about David and Victoria Beckham and Ashley and Cheryl Cole. The statements attributed to the Claimant were then repeated in an article in The Sun Newspaper on 7 May 2009.
5. The Second Defendant now accepts that the Claimant did not make the statements attributed to her in their magazine and that, contrary to their previous understanding of the position, no interview in fact took place with

the Claimant.

6. The Second Defendant has now agreed to apologise and withdraw the interview and the allegations complained of. It has also agreed not to republish the article or the words complained of, as well as to pay the Claimant damages and legal costs.
7. In these circumstances, which mean the position has been corrected and the Claimant's reputation has been vindicated, the Claimant has agreed not to pursue the matter against the Second Defendant.

SOLICITOR FOR THE SECOND DEFENDANT

8. My Lord, on behalf of the Second Defendant, I can confirm everything that my Friend, Mr Thomson, has said.
9. The Second Defendant offers its sincere apologies to the Claimant for the damage, as well as the upset and embarrassment caused to her by the publication of the article.

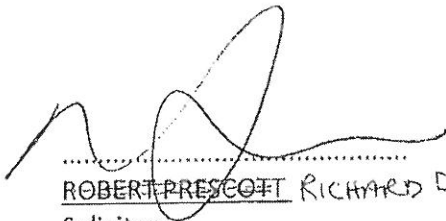
SOLICITOR FOR THE CLAIMANT

10. My Lord, it only remains for me to ask for permission to withdraw the record.



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