

IN THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE

QUEENS BENCH DIVISION

B E T W E E N: -

SALLY MORGAN

Claimant

- and -

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

The Claimant's Solicitor

My Lord, in this claim for libel, I appear for the Claimant, Sally Morgan, and my friend Brid Jordan appears for the Defendant, the publishers of the Daily Mail newspaper.

Mrs Morgan is a psychic. In the last 5 years or so, she has become well-known through appearing on television and through her theatre shows around the country in which she performs to large audiences. She has performed in over 600 shows in more than 100 different theatres or venues, to audiences stretching into the hundreds of thousands.

It was following a theatre performance in September 2011 in Dublin that an article appeared in the Daily Mail which, in the context of a general attack on psychics as being charlatans, accused Mrs Morgan specifically of having used a hidden earpiece during her performance in order to receive instructions from her team which she then repeated on stage as if she had received them from the spirit world. The article thereby suggested that Mrs Morgan had deliberately and dishonestly perpetrated a scam on her audience in Dublin.

The suggestion that Mrs Morgan had cheated her Dublin audience by using an earpiece had originally arisen during a phone-in programme on Irish radio when two ladies who had attended the Dublin performance mentioned on air that they had been sitting at the back of the auditorium and thought they had heard two crew members saying something which Mrs Morgan had then repeated on stage.

Following this, Mrs Morgan publicly stated that the suggestion she had cheated by using an earpiece was nonsense, as did the theatre itself which put out a very clear press statement denying any scam. The crew members who were said to be part of the scam were sub-contracted by the theatre and were not members of Mrs Morgan's team.

Despite these denials, the suggestion was repeated by the Daily Mail in an article written by the magician Paul Zenon, which was published in both the online and hard copy issues of the newspaper on 22 September 2011. .

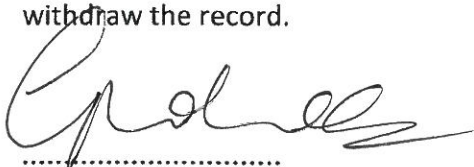
The allegation contained in the article that Mrs Morgan cheated the audience in Dublin is completely false and defamatory of her. It has also caused enormous distress to Mrs Morgan, who decided, given the newspaper's initial defence of the article, that she had no choice but to commence legal proceedings against the publisher of the Daily Mail. I am pleased to say that the Daily Mail has now accepted that the allegation is untrue and is here by its solicitor today to apologise for the publication of the allegation. It has also agreed to pay Mrs Morgan substantial damages together with her legal costs.

The Defendant's Solicitor

The Daily Mail withdraws the suggestion that Mrs Morgan used a secret earpiece at her Dublin show in September 2011 to receive messages from off-stage, thereby cheating her audience, which it accepts is untrue. It apologises unreservedly to Mrs Morgan for publishing the allegation. It has agreed to pay her substantial damages, together with her legal costs, and it has also agreed not to repeat this allegation.

The Claimant's Solicitor

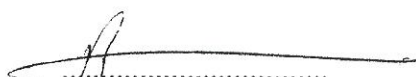
In the circumstances all that remains is for me to ask your Lordship for permission to withdraw the record.



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