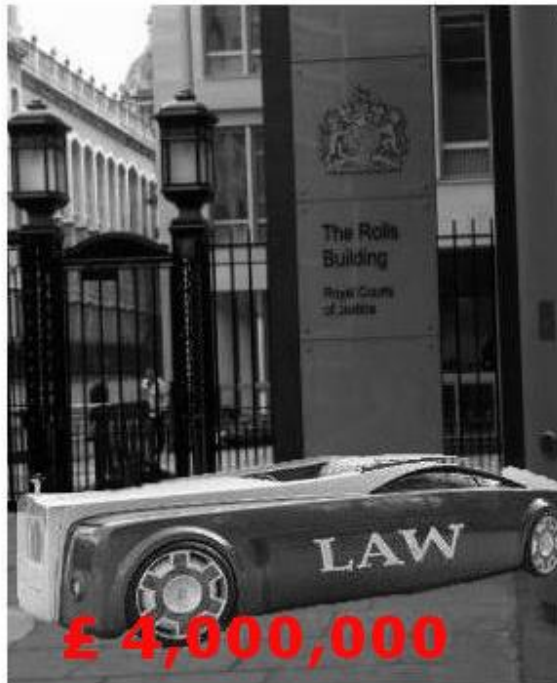


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City Diary: [REDACTED] faces £16m bill for Bernie Madoff court defeat

By Harriet Dennys | Telegraph – Tue, Oct 22, 2013 19:37 BST

A double blow for [REDACTED], the liquidator of Ponzi scheme fraudster Bernie Madoff's UK trading company.

Not only has the accountancy firm been told that the directors of Madoff Securities International Limited (MSIL) were all honest men, as the Serious Fraud Office decided in 2010.

Now Diary hears all the defendants falsely accused of being complicit in the fraud by [REDACTED] are seeking indemnity costs for the distress caused, with a hearing before Mr Justice Popplewell, the judge who ruled in their favour last Friday, set for the week of November 11.

Diary understands the costs sought solely by Stephen Raven, the former chief of MSIL, are knocking on the door of **£4,000 000**.

Multiply this by four, for each set of defendants in the case, and [REDACTED], instead of recouping the £75m it claimed for, could be set to pay out around £16m.

"There will be blood on the carpet as the defendants complain about the costs they have incurred," says a source close to the case.

No wonder a spokesman says [REDACTED] is "extremely disappointed".

Still, at least the lawyers acting for [REDACTED], Taylor Wessing, will be handsomely reimbursed for their work.

According to a filing in the States, Taylor Wessing charged fees of \$5.8m (£3.6m), plus expenses of \$3.3m, for its time spent on Madoff matters in the UK and offshore haunts such as the Cayman Islands over the five months to April 2013 alone.

Taylor Wessing was, of course, "mindful of the need to avoid undue legal fees", so it staffed the case "leanly".

That means it assigned a mere 61 lawyers, billing an average of \$317.41 an hour, who between them expensed \$16,300 for stationery and \$61,300 for photocopying.

Inventor kills himself over tax 'pursuit'

By: Lucy Johnston | Express.co.uk – Published: Sun, July 15, 2012

A BRILLIANT engineer with severe depression took his life on the day of his eviction over a council tax debt of £1,500, plus costs of £70,000.

Peter Williams, 63, stood in front of a train in February after he had been pursued relentlessly by lawyers over the debt for 16 years.

The council refused to drop the case despite efforts by Mr Williams's MP, doctor and friends to stop it -because of his poor mental health. Mr Williams, of Langford, -Bedford, died at Biggleswade months before his Vortex device was in the -Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most energy efficient hand dryer. His suicide note said he could not face losing his home, stating: "I have had enough and cannot stand any more of the mental turmoil."

He implored his friends to make "most public" his case "against the council and the system". An inquest was opened and adjourned on Tuesday. Mental health barrister Laura Davidson agreed to represent his family without charge.

No one from Central Bedfordshire District Council attended. It was -adjourned because Ms Davidson said the Coroner should -summon council witnesses to -investigate the death properly. The council said: "We reject any suggestion that the -council was responsible for this tragic event."

Mr Williams fell ill in the Nineties when his diabetes drugs -began to fail. Unable to work, he fell into -arrears. In 2005 he offered to pay in instalments, but this was refused.

Despite paying his arrears, Mr Williams could not pay legal costs of **£1,345**. He was made bankrupt in 2006 with [REDACTED] as -Trustee in Bankruptcy. By 2010 legal fees and interest had reached £70,000. His GP wrote, telling the council his depression had put him in the "severe category", but [REDACTED] instructed solicitors to evict him.

The day before he died, the firm producing Mr Williams's hand -dryers, SAVortex, offered to pay £1,000 a month but it was refused. Friend Richard Harris, 43, tried for years to halt the -eviction. He said: "He was pursued without compassion. It is a senseless waste of life."

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Since that time, with early seed money from the London Legal Trust and a few private individuals and continuous loans from the co-founders Brad Meyer and Jeff Lampert, H4L has been attracting, capturing, simplifying and re-presenting (via the web) some of the expert knowledge of legal professionals.

Our goal: Help LiPs find timely, critical information on legal process in just 3 clicks of their mouse.

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1. Which area best covers your dispute?

- ☐ Consumer Problem
- ☐ Family Problem
- ☒ Contract Problem
- ☐ Tort Problem(Non-Contract Injury)
- ☐ Debt Problem
- ☐ Property Problem
- ☐ Transport Problem
- ☐ Other Problem

2. Which of these Contract Problems most relates to your dispute?

- ☒ Commercial
- ☐ Consumer (Excluding Product Liability)

3. Where in the dispute resolution process are you?
Select the appropriate step from the table on the right!

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