

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
000286
QUEENS BENCH DIVISION

Claim No. QB-2020-

BEFORE: The Honourable Mr Justice Goose

B E T W E E N:-

HER MAJESTY'S SOLICITOR GENERAL

AND

EDWARD WILLIAM ELLIS



QB-2020-000286

ORDER

UPON the Applicant's Application by Part 8 Claim Form dated 24 January 2020 for permission to bring proceedings for contempt of court against the Respondent

AND UPON hearing Counsel for the Applicant and the Respondent not attending

AND UPON the Court having heard this application remotely by audio pursuant to CPR PD 51 Y

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Permission is granted to the Applicant to bring contempt proceedings on the grounds set out in the Claim Form.
2. The Claim Form shall stand as the Claim Form for the committal application itself and the requirements of CPR PD 81 para 11(2) are waived.
3. The Applicant may rely in the committal application on all evidence served for the permission hearing.

4. The Respondent shall file and serve an acknowledgment of service and any evidence on which he wishes to rely in response to the committal application by 4pm on 15 July 2020. The Respondent himself is entitled to give oral evidence at the hearing of the committal application, whether or not he has filed and served written evidence.
5. Also by 4pm on 15 July 2020 the Respondent shall inform the Applicant whether or not he wishes Ms Ryan (the deponent of the Affidavit in support of this application) to attend the hearing of the committal application to be cross-examined.
6. Skeleton Arguments on the committal application shall be exchanged and lodged 3 days before the hearing and should address any issues of law on penalty which may arise in the event of the contempt(s) being proved.
7. The time estimate for the hearing of the committal application is 1 day.
8. The committal application shall be listed on the first available date after 1 October 2020, to be heard before a single Judge of the Queen's Bench Division in the Royal Courts of Justice. The parties shall provide any dates to avoid between 1 October and 24 December 2020 (inclusive) to the Clerk of the Lists forthwith.
9. The hearing and authority bundles used for the permission hearing may be used for the hearing of the committal application.
10. By at least 7 days before the hearing date, any additional evidence must be paginated and lodged and served by the Applicant as a further bundle.
11. Liberty to apply to vary these directions.

12. Costs in the application.

DATED this 17th Day of June 2020