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Subject: Re: Probate Claim
Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2007 22:53
From: Ian Sheppard <ianrsheppard@yahoo.co.uk>
To: Stan Baring <stan@stanbaring.com>
Conversation: Probate Claim

Stan,

I didn't get a chance to call in today but will tomorrow, what time would suit you? - I'll be at college from 10.30.

Meanwhile I attach the witness statement I did for Monday's meeting - which I expect has put the cat amongst the pigeons! I didn't hand it round there but did give Margaret a copy on the way out of the courts, as she was going on about not believing me that BA had told me that my Dad travelled out alone to Rome (before we accepted they travelled together, and I then remembered everything else - offering Dad a lift to Heathrow the afternoon before, etc).

She was quite shocked at my conviction that I am right about the events of 12th October 2004, and that she is lying. Instead of vehemently denying I was right, as you would expect, she and Chris came over as sheepish, and looked stressed.

She would have found out about the birthday card now and a few other things on her way back to Devon and should now be concerned about my refuting their claim (in her witness statement for Monday) not to have known the 2005 Will was invalid when they put it through probate (7 months after she admitted to me and Richard that it was invalid!) Chris will also be concerned about his involvement being exposed.

Master Bowles will be receiving his copy in the morning, for the record, as will CAT, and I've copied it again to Margaret's solicitors, Gilbert Stephens. It is not a good statement, too much opinion, but it all needed to be said.

Cheers,
Ian

On 5/6/07 11:08, "Stan Baring" <stan@stanbaring.com> wrote:

> Ian
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> Fine - please do so and then I can see what needs to be done.

> Regards

> Stan

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ian Sheppard [mailto:ianrsheppard@yahoo.co.uk]
> Sent: 05 June 2007 08:46
> To: Stan Baring
> Subject: Probate Claim

> Hi Stan,

> I had a hearing in the case yesterday and have to serve the CP claim by 22 June.

> I issued on 21 May (as had to do it before the end of May) but Master Bowles wants me to put an amended one in that mentions the 2004 Will! I was being cheeky but should have acknowledged its existence and put that the ground that I claim it is invalid is 'want of due execution'.

> I have exams Thursday afternoon, and next Tuesday and Wednesday
> mornings, and then go to Paris air show until the 22nd working!
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> So I am a bit short of time and am thinking perhaps you and Emily may be
> able to help serve this one properly?
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> The other side is angling for summary judgment on the wills issue but I
> have not given them far more detail of what I know, which should
> convince them that they are unlikely to get SJ.
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> If it goes to proper disclosure and trial I think they will come
> unstuck, especially when M has to produce the 'diary' which I think she
> fabricated a page from.
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> I could drop a copy of the claim form as it stands in to you later as I
> will be in Guildford.
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> Best regards,
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> Ian
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