



We act on behalf of Jim Mansfield

On wed 3/4/19 he was libelled on RTE Prime time in a report on court proceedings involving a Mr Dessie O'Hare.

On Monday 8/4/19 we issued pre action warning letters to RTE and will serve a plenary summons in due course claiming defamation.

This particular broadcast did not enjoy the protection of privilege on court reporting.

The privilege relates strictly only to what was said in open court and does not extend under any circumstances beyond that.

We are also instructed to file a formal complaint with GSOC on the manner in which a named Gardai officer has contrived to use and abuse court reporting privilege to undermine the good name of Mr. Mansfield – other legal action may follow.

This very same officer was also involved in a recent failed attempt to prosecute Mr. Mansfield on a trumped up charge unlawful possession of ammunition.

The so called "offences " followed a high profile search operation on our clients business and home as part of a wider State –led offensive to curtail him from pursuing legal action to recover the City west hotel and other assets.

This failed investigation is now the subject of a separate malicious prosecution action against Gardai and others.

Speaking today in advance of the resumed sentencing hearing before the Special Criminal Court solicitor Kevin Winters of KRW LAW in Belfast said,

"The O'Hare case has been used by Gardai as part of a contrived choreography to attack Jim Mansfield and to stymie his pending legal actions.

That's not going to work.

We see through that for what it is – a stitch up.

We have written to Gardai on the so called allegations referred to in open court last week.

It's unfortunate that our client finds himself now having to take a libel action against RTE.

To that end we would urge all media outlets to exercise extreme caution when reporting on the resumed court hearing tomorrow." Ends

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