



### Marley Family secure civil trial date

Today the family of Laurence Marley secured a hearing date for their High Court action against the State over allegations of loyalist - State collusion in the killing of their father and the subsequent failed police investigation.

Mr Marley was murdered by the UVF on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1987.

Despite objections from the Crown Solicitors Office the presiding judge Mr Justice Humphries QC fixed the case for hearing on 16/1/23 for a 5- day trial.

One of his sons Joseph Marley welcomed the development saying:

“It’s now over 35 years since our father was killed by loyalists “working” in collusion with the State. We have never had anything that could be remotely described as an investigation. There couldn’t be for the simple fact that this was a State sanctioned execution. In saying this as one of 100s of similarly affected Conflict-bereaved families we are certainly not alone. Getting this date after all this time gives us a lift but it’s poignant and sad given that our mother passed away a few years ago. For her like countless other families in the same position, it’s just too late for them to get even a semblance of justice.”

Solicitor Kevin Winters of KRW LAW legacy Conflict Dept said outside court:

“This case is listed for hearing early next year and it comes at a time when the British Government is hell bent on stopping any other new Conflict related cases coming forward. Thankfully the Marley family missed the Governments self-imposed guillotine on such litigation via its Legacy Bill. Brandon Lewis claims the current system isn’t working for families. He omitted to nuance his statement by clarifying that all of the delays are the fault of the Government and its agencies for whom it doesn’t “work” every time they are forced to apologise in court, pay out damages, accept liability for systemic failures and be on the receiving end of endless reports from PONI and others exposing its role as a primary mover in a toxic Proxy War during the Conflict. I commend the tenacity and patience of the Marley family in their pursuit of justice. It reflects the same capacity of so many other Conflict bereaved and survivors.”

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