



## **KRW LAW PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING ANDY GEORGE- PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BLACK POLICE ASSOCIATION**

We act on behalf of Andy George, a senior serving Chief Inspector PSNI officer and leader of the National Black Police Association (NBPA). We have filed an application on his behalf to the Office of the Industrial Tribunal and Fair Employment Tribunal, alleging racial discrimination against the PSNI.

The legal action arises out of a misconduct investigation brought against him over social media postings he made concerning a Metropolitan Police Officer, Sergeant Martyn Blake. Sergeant Blake was promoted after being cleared by a jury of killing a man and is now facing internal disciplinary proceedings. Our client posted that Black and Asian officers were disproportionately more likely to face disciplinary and held back in their careers than white Police Officers.

Mr Barry Mulqueen BL is instructed.

Speaking today on the significance of the case Senior Associate Solicitor Barry O'Donnell said,

*“ Andy George has been penalised for displaying tremendous leadership in protecting the rights and interests of minorities within wider policing in the UK. The PSNI misconduct action taken against him was unnecessarily punitive. We allege it breaches his rights to freedom of expression under Article 10 of the Human Rights Act among other violations. This draconian move sets the wrong tone for the promotion and protection of the interests and rights of the 6000 strong NBPA membership. We are very pleased to confirm the support of the Good Law Project who are partnered with ourselves in fighting this case”*

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