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Your ref:

Dear Sirs

The Quilliam Foundation Limited

We are instructed by The Quilliam Foundation Limited ("The Quilliam Foundation") and by its directors.

We have been consulted in relation to a statement published on the craigmurray.org.uk website ("the website") entitled "*Public Money Goes AWOL*" apparently posted by you at 11:27am on 05 November 2009.

Our client believes that you are the author of this publication and the Registrant of the website, which reads as follows:

"Hat-tip to MPACUK

Interesting to note that, contrary to the law, the government "War on Terror" neo-con propaganda vehicle The Quilliam Foundation has failed to file any accounts for the last three years (or indeed ever). This despite receiving a great deal of taxpayers' money, mostly to remunerate its cosseted directors.

After a reference to the file of The Quilliam Foundation at Companies House, the published text continues: "*its failure to file accounts is illegal. How do you feel about grants of public money being given to a private company whose address is a PO Box and which does not have accounts?*"

The statements made about our clients are unjustified and untrue and they are obviously defamatory of our clients.

The heading of the piece ("*Public Money Goes AWOL*") and the subsequent commentary to the effect that The Quilliam Foundation "*has filed to file any accounts for the last three years (or indeed ever)*", that this is "*contrary to the law*" and that "*its failure to file accounts is illegal*" constitute express, clear and obvious statements to the effect that The Quilliam Foundation has acted illegally, that it is engaged in financial and accounting impropriety and that (by reference to the remark "*this despite receiving a great deal of taxpayers' money, mostly to remunerate its cosseted directors*") this impropriety is directed particularly to reward the directors of The Quilliam Foundation favourably and disproportionately.

The closing rhetorical enquiry ("*how do you feel about grants of public money being given to a private company whose address is a PO Box and which does not have accounts?*") is plainly designed to deliver expressly and/or by innuendo the conclusion that The Quilliam Foundation is receiving and using public money improperly and invites public condemnation of The Quilliam Foundation on this account.

The directors of The Quilliam Foundation (and each of them) are libelled firstly by the general assertion that The Quilliam Foundation is acting illegally under their direction and secondly by the more particular allegation that public funds are being, in terms, misused to over reward them individually.

We are instructed that there is absolutely no truth whatsoever in any of these very obviously damaging allegations about each of our clients. In particular, the accounts of The Quilliam Foundation have been prepared and filed as required by law, with an appropriate extension granted by the Registrar of Companies. The false and defamatory remarks constitute very grave libels and your conduct in this matter is aggravated by your failure to take down the offending article, after Mr Ed Jagger of The Quilliam Foundation pointed out to you the falsity of your allegations relating to the filing of company accounts.

We have advised our clients that each of them is entitled to compensation for the injury to their reputations and we are instructed to call on you:

- 1 To take down the offending article forthwith;
- 2 To supply to us details of the number of people who have viewed the website in the period in which the offending publication has been broadcast ("*hits*");
- 3 To preserve all evidence of (1) the content of the site (2) all correspondence, notes and records (whether electronic or in hard copy) relating to the setting up and/or use of the site;
- 4 To publish an apology and retraction in terms agreed by us (we enclose a draft that is acceptable to our clients and
- 5 To make an offer to pay to our clients compensation and to pay their legal costs.

This matter is of very great importance to our clients. As your campaign against our clients' characters and reputations is continuing, please respond within 7 days.

In default of a satisfactory resolution of the matter within the time stated, our clients will institute proceedings against you to achieve appropriate redress. In the meanwhile, our clients reserve all of their rights.

Yours faithfully

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