

SOLICITORS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOLICITORS ACT 1974

Case No. 12940-2026

BETWEEN:

SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY LTD

Applicant

And

ADAM CLARKE -COSTELLO

Respondent

Before:

Mr J Abramson (Chair)

Mr C Cowx

Ms J Rowe

Date of Hearing: 19 August 2026

ORDER

Under Rule 35(9), Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019

UPON the Applicant's application for an order that the persons whose names are identified in the Anonymity Schedule appended to its Rule 12 Statement dated 26 May 2026 as Persons A, B and C.

AND UPON the Respondent not opposing anonymity in respect of Persons A and B and accepting the Applicant's position in respect of Person C.

AND UPON the Tribunal, being satisfied that the restrictions imposed by this Order are necessary and go no further than needed, and do not otherwise prevent the hearing taking place in public and the decision being published.

AND UPON the Tribunal determining that anonymity is necessary and proportionate in respect of Persons A, B and C but is not justified in respect of Person D.

The Tribunal ORDERS that

The people protected by this Order are the Complainants whose names are set out in Anonymity Schedule. In these proceedings, they will be referred to by the following ciphers: Person A, Person B and Person C.

1. The parties will use the applicable cipher in every document, bundle, submission, item of evidence, and in all oral submissions and evidence.
2. No person shall disclose or publish, in connection with these proceedings, any name or other information that is likely, whether by itself or together with other information, to identify a protected person.
3. The Tribunal shall use the ciphers in any order, decision, or other document that it publishes or issues.
4. The Anonymity Schedule shall be provided only to the parties and retained by the Tribunal. It shall not be published. The Anonymity Schedule, and any document that identifies a protected person otherwise than by cipher, shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL — NOT FOR PUBLICATION".
5. Each party shall ensure, before filing or serving any document, that it complies with this Order. Any document already filed or served that does not comply shall be replaced with a compliant version within 7 days of the date of this Order.
6. This Order shall remain in force until a further order of the Tribunal. The Tribunal shall review the continuation and terms of this Order at the conclusion of the substantive proceedings in this matter.
7. Any party may apply, on notice to the other party, to vary or discharge this Order. Any other person directly affected by this Order, including a representative of the press or other media, may apply in writing to the Chief Clerk to vary or discharge it. The Tribunal will not determine any such application without the parties having had a reasonable opportunity to make representations.
8. A person who becomes aware of an actual or anticipated breach of this Order shall immediately notify the Tribunal and the other party in writing. Where the person responsible for a breach is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the matter may be reported to the SRA.

Dated this 24th day of August 2026
On behalf of the Tribunal

J Abramson

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Chair