

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: QB-2018-000390

BETWEEN:-

EMIL KIRKEGAARD

Claimant

and

OLIVER SMITH

Defendant

CONSENT ORDER

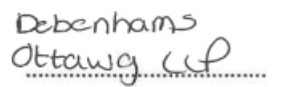
UPON the Defendant's application dated 12 February 2019.

BY CONSENT IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to CPR 3.1(2)(i) the following issues be tried as preliminary issues:
 - a. Whether the publications referred to in paragraphs 3, 8, 13 and 18 of the Particulars of Claim (set out in full in the Annexe to this Consent Order) bear the meanings pleaded, respectively, in paragraphs 4, 9, 14 and 19 of the Particulars of Claim;
 - b. Whether any defamatory imputations conveyed by the meanings found are allegations of fact or expressions of opinion.
2. The trial referred to in paragraph 1 above be listed before a Judge in the Media and Communications List with a time estimate of half a day.
3. The time for service of any Defence is extended until 28 days after the trial.
4. The Claimant and the Defendant must each file and exchange costs budgets limited to the costs up to and including the giving of judgment following the trial referred to in paragraph 1 above, upon the filing of which the court will consider whether to make a costs management order pursuant to CPR 3.15.

Dated this 13th day of February 2019


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