

Seeking Legal Representation: Summary of proposed case(s) against the Irish State.

Personal Details / Overview: My name is Stephen Manning. I am a 58-year old married father of 3 school-age children, one with special needs. I have dual British-Irish nationality and my wife is Japanese. I am an ex-university teacher, a book publisher and a sports official with no previous criminal record. Our 'difficulties' with the Irish establishment began in 2009 when I took out a defamation case against a local 'politically-connected' individual. We had legal representation at the time. A second successful lawsuit in 2011 followed after an extended (mostly anonymous) campaign of vicious harassment and intimidation against my family. A damages award of €25,000+ remains outstanding (to be collected) in that case. As the founder of the *Integrity Ireland Association* I would be considered a prominent pro-justice spokesperson in Ireland having run (unsuccessfully) as an independent candidate in the 2016 election on an anti-corruption platform. There has been some limited press coverage of our family circumstances and these cases as shown in the attached links.

Cases Pending. *(Please note that we are seeking assistance with any-or-all selected cases as follows):*

1. False imprisonment and breach of various EU and International human rights law; in that I was jailed for 2 months beginning May 4th 2017 (also based on flawed paperwork) arising out of a failed Circuit Court appeal against a District Court decision in Jan 2017 to find me 'guilty in absentia' from; (i) a Court hearing which I was given NO notification of; (ii) where I had been granted legal aid but had none assigned; and (iii) where no defence case had been entered in either the District Court or the Circuit Court. The charge against me was a 'Section 6' public order breach of the peace allegation in respect of an incident that occurred in Castlebar Court on Sept 2nd 2015. Proofs of perjury, fraud, criminal damage, contempt of Court and other serious DPP prosecutorial misconduct including the deliberate erasure of DAR evidence was totally ignored by the trial judges and in 3 judicial reviews to the High Court. Formal complaints to the various statutory authorities were likewise met with a wall of silence and obfuscation, and the continued denial of access to key documentation, by the State.

2. Personal injuries claim against the Irish State for injuries sustained in an unprovoked assault in a Dublin Courtroom on Nov 9th 2015 when I challenged the repeated adjournment of spurious traffic charges against me (which were all eventually thrown out on appeal). Injuries included a torn rotator cuff (shoulder), an abdominal hernia and a damaged thumb (possibly fractured). The hernia has already been operated on and the shoulder will also require surgery. Members of the public who videoed the assaults had their phones taken off them and the evidence deleted by the Gardaí. Formal criminal complaints were lodged against the perpetrators and a file was sent to GSOC and to the DPP. At no time have the perpetrators denied the charges or allegations against them.

Other cases technically 'current' and/or 'active' as of June 2017 – which we are eager to pursue..

- A. Circuit Court Case 667/11. Defamation.** Taken against George Collins and 3 members of An Garda Síochána in 2011. Most recent action was an appeal to the High Court in January 2013 (2013 38 CA) where Stephen intended to challenge the legitimacy of 8 obstructive decisions made by the Circuit Court. But the hearing was moved forwards a week without any Notice to us and the President of the High Court Nicholas Kearns Ordered that the case be, "*indefinitely suspended until such time as the Defendant (George Collins) was fit enough to attend.*" This appears to be an unlawful direction. Worthy of note is the fact that despite our repeated objections, Paul Collins (a serial criminal from the UK and younger brother to George) posed unlawfully as 'an Attorney' in this unannounced hearing, and then represented his brother in an additional 18 High Court and Circuit Court hearings.

- B. High Court Case 2012/10170-P. Defamation.** Taken by Stephen against George Collins and six other lay-litigants. Latest action in this case was in 2014 when High Court Judge Sean Ryan unlawfully overruled a decision of fellow High Court Judge Iseult O'Malley in the Plaintiff's favour regarding the non-appearance of George Collins at several hearings. Paul Collins was again 'representing' his brother unlawfully. The hearing before Judge Ryan was again conducted in the Plaintiff's absence, and without any Notice being served on us (the Plaintiff & his family were on holiday abroad at the time).
- C. High Court Case 2012/11873-P. Defamation.** Taken by Stephen as against (solicitor) William Aylmer (brother of Judge John Aylmer) and six Officers of the *Irish Association of Snowsports Instructors* based on the published outcome of an internal complaint made by Stephen about the unprofessional running of a training course. Latest action was a Motion for Judgment in Default of a Defence in October 2013, wherein Judge Larflaith O'Neill refused the Motion because the Defendants had, by then entered a much-belated and contrived Defence. Judge O'Neill also refused Stephen his expenses and threatened to 'take the appropriate action' if he didn't immediately exit the Court.
- D. High Court Case 2014/4206-P** Stephen (& family) vs IRELAND, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH, THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE EQUALITY and LAW REFORM, THE GARDA COMMISSIONER [An Garda Síochána], THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, THE CHIEF STATE SOLICITOR, THE GARDA SÍOCHANA OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION, THE COURTS SERVICE, AN POST. General conspiracy to pervert justice, denial of service due etc. Last action was the receipt of 'appearances' by all of the Defendants except the Courts Service, who has failed and refused to acknowledge receipt of proceedings.
- E. High Court Case 2014/4157-P** (Stephen & family) vs IRELAND, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AN GARDA SÍOCHANA, THE GARDA SÍOCHANA OMBUDSMAN COMMISSION, THE COURTS SERVICE, HSE CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY / CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES ('TUSLA'). Defamation / lodging of false referrals by Gardaí to TUSLA / conspiracy to pervert justice etc. Last action was the receipt of 'appearances' by all of the Defendants except the Courts Service, who has failed and refused to acknowledge receipt of proceedings. The Plaintiff sent a letter on June 4th 2014 to all the Defendants (in D & E) explaining that he required some time to compile the full statement of claim and that the agreement of the Defendants would be 'assumed' if no objections were forthcoming.
- F. High Court case 2015/5067-P vs Eddie Farrell & Martin Daly. Defamation.** Arising out of Stephen's participation in the 1st *Independent Mayo* political project in 2015 and being cut from the project when he was the lead candidate, based on defamatory allegations published by the Defendants. Latest action was the issuing of the plenary summons and formal service on the Defendants. The Defendants have failed or refused to enter a Defence or respond to correspondence since.

Please note that we are open to discussing any-or-all of the above cases, and that everything is meticulously documented and supported by records, letters, credible eye-witnesses and/or audio-video. Where appropriate, we have also written to the authorities requesting that associated evidence be 'preserved' according to law. We can send more details on any of the above cases on request, but right now, we need some courageous, capable and determined legal assistance to at least TRY to get some justice in this sorry situation. We have been financially exhausted by these extended events, so any agreement as to legal assistance would have to be on legal aid, or on a 'no-win, no fee basis.' Thanking you for your time and interest. Please direct any further enquiries to:

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Link to documents & videos [HERE](#):