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My Correspondence.

Dear Attorney General,

On Wednesday 21st January 2015 I wrote within the framework of The Data Protection Act 1998 and on a '**strictly confidential**' basis directly to the Lord Chief Justice(LCJ).

I sent a copy of that letter to you for your early information as *a prelude to eventually laying criminal information* before you under the Criminal Procedure Rules 2011 on what I consider to be a *prima facie* case of Contempt of Court which is an adjunct to other principal matters I am raising with the LCJ.

My correspondence contained *disclosures of allegations of criminal offences* and under the 'Directory of Civil Service Guidance' such correspondence required special skills, knowledge, and handling, even though a copy.

Because the matter I am dealing with is an extremely confidential and a sensitive matter involving a *senior member of the Judiciary* and until this entire matter is investigated and conclusions reached, I believe natural justice demands that I ensure that the Judge's identity and integrity is protected from the public gaze, or general circulation.

To that end I went to considerable lengths to ensure that my sensitive

correspondence was sent *directly to the hand of the LCJ and yourself*, or at least that was my intention.

In the case of your office of State I identified your Director General and Legal Secretary Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice as the lead senior civil servant and thus an official I could entrust with the simple task of bringing this information *directly and expeditiously to your hand*, and in the process, promptly acknowledging its receipt.

At 08.40hrs on Thursday 22nd January 2015 I sent a copy of my correspondence directly to her email account which included an auto read certificate. In the continuing theme of *strict confidentiality* I wrote the following...

“Strictly Confidential

Dear Ms. R. Collins-Rice,

I would be grateful for your assistance.

I would be obliged if you would place the copy of my correspondence to the LCJ directly before the Attorney General to avoid general circulation.

There is you will note a criminal dimension to this matter and at this stage I would prefer that the matter is dealt with in confidence between the LCJ, the AG, and myself.

It would be helpful if you would promptly acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours Sincerely,”

It was a simple a task which demanded no decision making input by your civil servant.

Early on Friday morning 23rd January 2015 *not having received any response* and with a sense of concern I telephoned Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice directly. I identified who she was and I indicated who I was...I explained the purpose of my call and my concerns only to be greeted and dismissed with a bored monosyllabic response of ... “I will get to it...”.

There was no attempt at dialogue. I was greatly unimpressed with her lack of courtesy and professional interest and I concluded my call on the basis that perhaps she might, or might not, have received my correspondence and my concerns remained unaddressed.

Later at 10:48hrs I received the following(extract) from a gentleman by the name of Mr.Massimo Magee at your Correspondence Unit, with *whom I find no fault...*

“I have spoken with officials in our office who have confirmed that the issues you raise, I am sorry to say, are not ones that this office deals with.”.

Several points are clear to me.

When Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice 'dropped' this DPA protected sensitive correspondence off her desk into the 'run of the mill' Correspondence Unit, and its self-evident general office 'chatter', she signally failed to grasp the legal implications and the sensitivity of my correspondence. Indeed, I am inclined to think that she simply could not be bothered to read it at all, or she would not have made such an ill-advised decision in straying from her pivotal confidential role in this matter.

It appears that without thought of any potential consequences Ms R Collins Rice completely breached the stricture of 'Strict Confidentiality' I had reasonably placed on her but in addition it also appeared to me in what can best be described as complete professional indolence she failed to brief a senior colleague who might direct an office junior under his line management to draft a 'Strictly Confidential' response to me, which was in any event not what she was requested to do.

These circumstances demanded nothing more or less than professional civil service sensitive handling on a simple task.

It is clear that Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice in her *lethargy* provided no specific instruction or guidance to anyone nor had she any intention of doing so, being simply content to 'dump' this(to her) trivial matter off her 'Friday' desk.

I am offended and scandalised by her lazy arrogance as a senior civil servant and simply appalled by her misconduct. Patently and clearly my correspondence has by her maladroit 'administration' been 'dumped' into the free and open circulation of the office juniors of her chattering staff; the very point I was at pains to avoid in my pursuit of natural justice where this senior member of the Judiciary was concerned.

Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice has set an extraordinarily poor example to those she is meant to set and maintain the standards of professional civil service conduct. She self-evidently provides no leadership and no correct guidance when it really matters with a complex issue about which she was asked to do no more than be a mail messenger.

Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice is paid handsomely by the Taxpayers to conduct her professional position, role, responsibilities and affairs in a particularly thoughtful manner. Indeed given her grade of civil service seniority she cannot be unaware of the Civil Service Code(2013) of conduct.

In this matter Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice displayed standards of behaviour which are quite simply unworthy and unacceptable in someone of her rank and seniority. She lacks professional integrity and competence.

She has failed to :

- Fulfil her civil service duties and obligations professionally and responsibly;
- Act in a way which deserves and retains the confidence of the Public and which, by her good example, provides essential leadership and guidance to her subordinates;
- Deal with the Public and their affairs, efficiently, promptly, effectively, and with sensitivity, to the best of her ability;
- Failed to keep and maintain strictly confidentiality within the legal framework which her duty so demands and which I had **specifically asked her to adhere to**;
- By her complete inept failure of integrity she failed to identify and uphold values of natural justice and fair play which were specifically required in these particular circumstances whilst setting a good moral compass for her juniors.

Everyone is entitled to be given the opportunity to correct their errors, though in this instance, the damage has already been done.

Nevertheless it is to be hoped that the original correspondence and this follow up correspondence will *without fail* be placed directly in your hand.

Should this transpire not to be the case then I shall not hesitate to lodge a full, formal, and detailed complaint of Ms. Rowena Collins-Rice's misconduct with the Civil Service Commission.

I would be obliged Attorney General if you would take a moment to acknowledge safe receipt of my correspondence.

Your Sincerely,



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