

1st October 2020

The Right Honourable Master of the Rolls Sir Terence Etherton PC 7, The Rolls Buildings, Holborn, London EC4A 1NL

My Reference: FG101

In the Court of Appeal England and Wales Civil Division Case CH-2020-000043

and

Appellant

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Respondent

Appeal against Judgement of Mr. Justice Fancourt

Dear Master of the Rolls,

I took my quarrel to Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (The Respondents) as long ago as December 2015. They, for their part, did all they could to stay my attempts for Justice by their reprehensible actions and inactions which included relying on the 'advice' of an unqualified clerk in the County Council Pension Department.

Finally my dispute went to the Pension Ombudsman's office who, for their part, used delaying tactics, attempts to time me out, and incomprehensible directives all in the attempt to stage-manage closure on my case.

Perseverance on my part resulted in a Determination made by the Deputy Ombudsman. This turned out to be a repeat of the Respondents' statement which was a repeat of the unqualified clerk's opinion.

I am seeking Justice not only for myself but for those veterans who were discharged from the Service as a result of a qualifying injury or because of ill health who are being paid the wrong pension.

Collectively we are being paid a B1 Ordinary Pension instead of the correct B3 Ill-Health Pension.

I believe that either incorrectly, or deliberately, given the time they have now had to correct this, the Respondents are continuing to pay the wrong pensions which advantages them financially and disadvantages the discharged veterans, their widows and their beneficiaries.

The Statutory Instrument No: 129, The Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992, contains the Law relating to the payment of pensions.

For the benefit of all concerned there is an easy read of the layman's law to be found on <u>http://www.themorningbugler.com/</u> website.

In my quest for Justice I have been subjected to all manner of difficulties, some prescribed but most invented in order to stave me off.

Unfortunately this trend has continued since I had the Judgement on my appeal against the Ombudsman's Determination refused by Mrs Justice Falk.

She, for her part, ordered a hearing which was to be between the two of us on July 3rd 2020. As it turned out she did not attend but the hearing went ahead conducted by Mr Justice Fancourt, which both surprised and dismayed me.

It dismayed me because I reasonably thought that Mrs Justice Falk had the knowledge of the case that Mr Justice Fancourt did not have and I rightly, or wrongly, predicted the outcome of the hearing on that fact.

I believed it to be yet another closing down measure. I did contemporaneous notes during the hearing which I have made available to the Court.

I contracted UBIQUS to do a transcript of the hearing. I have this but it is missing the first 21 minutes or so because it was not recorded and Mr Justice Fancourt's summary is also not included in the transcript.

I await the Court's answer to my questions on these matters.

Notwithstanding the inescapable fact that it has taken five years and more to arrive at this point, for my part I have been put through all the hoops and climbed all the barriers, and yet we are now in October from a July hearing and I am still awaiting the Court's answers to my very reasonable questions?

In so far as Justice is being delayed and denied I have in frustration finally decided to send my case back to the Court of Appeal where I seek the fair play I have been continually denied.

Yours sincerely,

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