

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**Claim No. KB-2024-001270**

**KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

**MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST**

**Before the Honourable Mrs. Justice Steyn DBE**

**Dated: 3 March 2026**

**BETWEEN:**

**MATTHEW GARRETT**

**-and-**

**(1) ROY SCHESTOWITZ**

**(2) RIANNE SCHESTOWITZ**



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**Defendants**

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**ORDER**

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**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS**

**The Claimant has made a Contempt Application (a further copy of which is served with this Order) alleging that you are in contempt of court. You should read it carefully, and note particularly the section on page 3 headed: "YOUR RIGHTS". This is a serious matter.**

**A DIRECTIONS hearing will take place on WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026, at 10.30am at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.**

**YOU MUST ATTEND THIS HEARING. If you fail to do so, a warrant for your arrest may be issued by the Court pursuant to CPR 81.7(2). You are advised to seek legal advice. Legal aid is available for advice and representation in respect of the Contempt Application.**

**DO NOT IGNORE THESE PROCEEDINGS.**

**UPON APPLICATION by the Claimant by Contempt Application Notice dated 27 February 2026 (“the Contempt Application”)**

**WITHOUT A HEARING IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Contempt Application will be listed for a DIRECTIONS hearing before a Judge of the Media and Communications List with a time estimate of 1.5 hours on 15 April 2026 at 10.30am (‘the Directions Hearing’).
2. The First Defendant and the Second Defendant **MUST** attend the Directions Hearing.
3. As soon as reasonably practicable and in any event by 4.30pm on Wednesday 11 March 2026, the Claimant must personally serve a copy of this Order upon each Defendant together with a copy of the Contempt Application and the sworn affidavit, and file a certificate of service confirming compliance with this paragraph.
4. By no later than 10am on the day five days before the Directions hearing, the Claimant must file and serve:
  - a. proposed directions that he will invite the Court to make at the Directions Hearing;
  - b. a skeleton argument together with copies of any authorities relied upon; and
  - c. an indexed and paginated bundle for the Directions Hearing.
5. This Order has been made without giving the parties an opportunity to make submissions. As such, any party may apply to vary or discharge this Order, but any such application must be made by Application Notice which is issued, filed and served by 11 March 2026.

**NOTE:** any period of “days” must be calculated in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules r.2.8.

**Reasons**

- A. These are standard directions fixing a DIRECTIONS hearing. At the hearing the Court will consider what further steps need to be taken before the Contempt Application is listed for final hearing.
- B. As noted above, each of the Defendants is advised to seek and obtain legal advice and representation and to do so as soon as possible. **Legal Aid is available.** Each of the Defendants **MUST** attend the hearing on 15 April 2026. If the First Defendant and/or the Second Defendant foresees any difficulties attending on this date, then he and/or

she must contact the Court explaining what those difficulties are. If the First Defendant and/or Second Defendant fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend the hearing a warrant for his and/or her arrest may be issued.

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**