

Horsley, David

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 15 May 2012 13:45
To: 'Davies Emma'
Subject: RE: Inquest of Gladys Richards

Dear Ms Davies,

I'm not sure a trial judge would excuse a witness on these grounds !

However, as it seems that the Inquest will go on into a second week due to the availability of expert witnesses and provided Mr Beed makes himself available on all other scheduled days, I am prepared to excuse him for 6 and 7 December 2012 only.

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From: Davies Emma [Code A]
Sent: 15 May 2012 11:14
To: Horsley, David
Subject: RE: Inquest of Gladys Richards

Dear Mr Horsley

I understand that Mr Beed has a long weekend booked in London, with a show, which was booked and paid for over a year ago. I do not know whether this was pre-planned for a specific special occasion. At the time of booking he would have had no idea of a pending inquest and it would seem rather unfair for this to now be cancelled and for him to lose the money paid. Given that you have indicated a 10 day inquest would it not be possible for Mr Beed to be excused from attendance on those 2 days?

I appreciate the importance of gaining closure on this matter but would be grateful if Mr Beed's arrangements could remain in place given that we have always been available to attend previously convened and provisional dates.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Emma Davies
 RCN Legal Services

From: Horsley, David [Code A]
Sent: 15 May 2012 10:23
To: Davies Emma
Subject: RE: Inquest of Gladys Richards

Dear Ms Davies,

Please could you - in confidence, if necessary - let me know the nature of Mr Beed's arrangements for 6 and 7 December before I make up my mind on your request ?

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From: Davies Emma [Code A]
Sent: 15 May 2012 10:17
To: Horsley, David
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Dear Mr Horsley

I write further to our conversation on 10 May 2012, wherein you indicated provisional dates for the inquest to take place for a two week period, the weeks commencing 3 and 10 December 2012.

I have now been able to ascertain the availability of all interested parties and can advise that the only conflict would be in respect of Phillip Beed, who has arrangements in place for the 6 and 7 December 2012 which were booked a year ago. Given that you have indicated a two week period, I wonder if it would be possible for Mr Beed to be excused from these two dates?

Neither Margaret Couchman or Christine Joice have any conflict with these proposed dates and nor does our in-house Counsel, Chris Green.

I look forward to receiving written confirmation, confirming the inquest dates, and also that it will be possible for Mr Beed to avoid the aforementioned dates.

Kind regards.

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