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Please ask for: Mr A D Allenby

Date: 12 October 1999

Dictated on:

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Our Client - James Colton
Your Client - Sheelagh Winifred Colton**

Thank you for your letter of the 11th October 1999.

We have to say that we are extremely disappointed to receive your letter. Once again, we find ourselves in a position whereby allegations have been made but we do not know the nature or the extent of the allegations.

Your client has in the past and we presume still continues to make allegations about our client's behaviour towards her daughters. We do not know any further details about those allegations either. When we asked for further information, we were told 'your client knows fully well what he has done'.

Quite simply, our client does now know. We are sure that when we forward a copy of your letter of the 11th October to him the answer will be the same.

We note with interest that you accuse our client of making totally unsubstantiated allegations when that is exactly what your client seems to be doing herself in this letter.

We therefore demand upon behalf of your client that you either withdraw the allegation or provide us with details so that we may take our client's proper instructions.

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If your client wishes to rely upon the allegations made in this letter in the course of the financial proceedings and refuses to provide us with any detail, then we shall of course raise the question of your client's conduct and we shall be showing the Court a copy of this letter.

It is in both parties' interests to narrow the issues in order to avoid the costs of a lengthy and prolonged hearing. Your client has made further allegations and we are not able to deal with those allegations until such time as you provide us with detailed information. In all probability, this is a matter that can be dealt with prior to the hearing in order to narrow the issues and thus save both parties the costs of the hearing itself.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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