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from Turners and he agreed to take the case on. And, um, it was a couple of years of getting statements and evidence and, and everything else. And, um, it culminated in, obviously, a divorce hearing in, in, um, January 2000 or something like that, I think it was. And, um, although it was a, a family, closed family court.

CD Yeah.

TRACEY Um, we were all called to court as witnesses, I had given an affidavit, Fleur had, my ex husband had, Fleur's husband, my brother, we'd all made statements. And, so, consequently the, um, the court set up, if you like, was that we were all called in one at a time.

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CD Yeah.

TRACEY Um, I had to be in the same room as him,

CD Mmm hmm.

TRACEY Um, and, well, I was cross examined by his barrister, I was cross examined by mum's barrister. And had to go through, I know it wasn't a criminal court, but in my mind we were going through legal channels. It was all being discussed in a court room ...

CD Yeah.

TRACEY ... etcetera, etcetera. I wasn't lying, I was sat there telling the truth. He'd, he'd come up with this theory that we'd all made it up to get his money, which was a joke really, he hasn't got any money. Um, anyway, the upshot of it was, during the court case that judge who, at the time, was district Judge Cooper.

CD Yeah.

TRACEY Um, he actually cautioned James Colton and read his rights and told him he had the right to remain silent and everything else.

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CD Yeah.

TRACEY Um, and after that had happened, Gary Self who was, um, James Colton's barrister, actually made James Colton sign a disclaimer. Um, because Gary's I, I, I don't know, but I presume Gary's advice was to just take what was on offer

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and shut up, sort of thing. So Gary made him sign a disclaimer before he continued, before he questioned me.

CD Right.

TRACEY It happened whilst I was in the room, he made him sign a piece of paper. Um, the upshot of the hearing, I think it was a three day hearing, was the, the judge's summing up. Um, he found on the balance of probability that there was no conspiracy. Um, he found that the evidence that we gave, there wasn't a conspiracy theme running through. Um, and that, on the balance of probability he found that we were telling the truth.

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CD Mmm hmm.

TRACEY So that, obviously, meant by default that he was basically saying James Colton was guilty of child abuse, although it was only in a divorce court.

CD Yes, I understand that.

TRACEY So we got the result, you know, we were happy because we had told our story in a court room, the judge had believed.

CD Mmm.

TRACEY You know, okay, I, I felt at the time, I actually felt at the time, like, "He is one lucky man. Because the judge has said he's guilty ..."

CD Mmm hmm.

TRACEY ... basically and yet, he's walking free from this court room today. And he can go on and get on with the rest of his life." So, it all, kind of, worked out in my mind for the best, everybody could just go away get on with their lives. You know, we'd, we'd proved that we were telling the truth, that this did happen. Mum, although she was arguing against the divorce the precedent was set, because in theory she could not then be divorced.

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CD Right.

TRACEY Because she's argues the terms of the divorce. So the new precedent that was set was that, um, even though she won ...

CD Mmm hmm.