

Committal for Contempt of Court in Open Court in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Commercial Court

In relation to claim no. CL-2018-000750, on 12 January 2021 at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, the Hon Mr Justice Butcher sentenced Mr Craig Kline to pay a fine of £25,000 for contempt of Court. The fine is to be paid in 12 monthly instalments.

The basis of the sentence was that Mr Kline committed a total of 49 breaches of an order made on 23 November 2018 by the Hon Mrs Justice Moulder DBE, in particular he breached the requirement not to make or issue “any derogatory or critical comments or statements” relating to Fulham Football Club Limited.

Mr Kline had admitted 42 breaches of the order in an affidavit which he had sworn in advance of a consent order dated 4 March 2019. Those breaches consisted of tweets or posts made by him between 14 December 2018 and 4 February 2019. The Court found on 25 November 2020 that Mr Kline had committed a further 7 breaches of the order. Those breaches consisted of tweets or posts made by him in the period between 19 August 2019 and 5 April 2020.

The Court found that 42 breaches were admitted and that 7 breaches were proved.

The Court imposed a fine of £25,000 in respect of all breaches. The fine is to be paid in 12 monthly instalments.