

Evidence Dossier -- For Investigators and Journalists

April 2026 | Claim No. H26YX017 | High Court: KA-2024-000031 | Civil Restraint Order Appeals Ref: CR-2025-00213-A | Contact: Perry Chopra | pc@claremont.world | 07889 469557

What This Is About

Irama Pte Ltd a company associated with Ian Rush MBE, Liverpool FC's record goalscorer is owed approximately £65,000 in unpaid rent from Formark Scaffolding (Holdings) Limited since 2020.

Formark's solicitors, Irwin Mitchell LLP, ran one defence throughout five years of litigation: that insolvency set-off applied, meaning no debt was owed.

THE CENTRAL FACT

The court-appointed administrators of the insolvent company wrote directly to Irwin Mitchell LLP in January 2021 and stated that no such set-off had ever been agreed -- that Irwin Mitchell's position was "entirely incorrect and misleading" -- and demanded its withdrawal.

Irwin Mitchell did not withdraw it. The same defence was advanced in every court document, at every hearing, for the next five years.

Over ten court hearings between January 2024 and February 2026, the defence was not valid given the administrators written position, Alice Court, Kunal Gadhvi and their Counsel shadowed the truth with lies and CPR so it would never be heard in any court. Costs of over £400,000 have been awarded against Irama. The £65,000 merits have never been heard and the joinder matters addressing further damage of multi-millions by their disruptive client ignored.

Irwin Mitchell's Clients -- Identified as Disruptive by Lord Coulson

The directors of Formark -- Mark Coote and Mark Endersby -- are the same individuals who were previously represented by Keystone Law in related insolvency proceedings.

In *Bernard Sport Surfaces Ltd v Astrosoccer4u Ltd* (reported Law Society Gazette, 10 October 2017), the then Mr Justice Coulson now Lord Justice Coulson described Keystone Law's conduct as:

MR JUSTICE COULSON (AS HE THEN WAS) -- BERNARD SPORT SURFACES LTD V ASTROSCCER4U LTD, 2017

"Breathtakingly rude" -- and stated the conduct was "plainly part of the intention to misuse the insolvency proceedings."

He identified the conduct as "connivance" between Keystone Law and the two directors.

Law Society Gazette, 10 October 2017. Public judgment.

Irwin Mitchell subsequently took over from Keystone Law as solicitors for the same two directors, in the same dispute. The Companies House filings for Astrosoccer 4 U Limited and a public record show the following note from the joint liquidator:

COMPANIES HOUSE FILING -- JOINT LIQUIDATOR CHRIS HERRON, ASTROSOCCKER 4 U LIMITED

"Due to a lack of will to engage from Irwin Mitchell, the solicitors who now represent the directors (replacing Edwin Coe) as well as some other loosely connected parties, no firm progress has been made. In August of this year, Irwin Mitchell declined to attend a meeting with us or our solicitors."

Companies House filing, Astrosoccer 4 U Limited (in liquidation). Public record.

The Administrators' Letters to Irwin Mitchell in Jan 2021.

These letters were sent by Gateley Legal, acting for the court-appointed administrators Christopher Herron and Nicola Fisher of Herron Fisher. They were addressed directly to Irwin Mitchell LLP, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2PZ.

EXHIBIT A1 -- GATELEY LEGAL TO IRWIN MITCHELL LLP, 29 JANUARY 2021

Addressed to: Irwin Mitchell LLP, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2PZ

By email to: tania.bleasdale@irwinmitchell.com | cc: jhr@stephensons.co.uk

Our ref: KXT/44287479.1/064929.026/KXT

"The Liquidators of Astrosoccer 4 U Ltd (in liquidation) take great exception to, and entirely refute, the incorrect and unfounded statements in your correspondence that at a meeting on 14 September 2017 between the Liquidators (then the Administrators) and Messrs Endersby and Coote an agreement was made that rent due under the lease of Surrey Stadium granted to your client would be offset against hire charges for scaffolding erected by your client. No such agreement was made at the meeting or at any other time."

"Further, your statement that the Administrators / Liquidators never once raised any objection to non-payment of the rent at any point is entirely incorrect... We have also seen numerous written exchanges between the Administrators / Liquidators and your client in which they require payment of rent arrears."

"It is clear that the statements and assertions made in your letters to Stephensons that an agreement to offset rent against hire charges had been made and that arrears of rent had not been demanded are entirely incorrect and misleading, and we await your confirmation that they are withdrawn."

Gateley Legal to Irwin Mitchell LLP, 29 January 2021. Original on file.

EXHIBIT A2 -- GATELEY LEGAL TO IRWIN MITCHELL LLP, SECOND LETTER

"It is clear that the statements and assertions made in your letters to Stephensons that an agreement to offset rent against hire charges had been made and that arrears of rent had not been demanded are entirely incorrect and misleading, and we await your confirmation that they are withdrawn."

Gateley Legal, second letter to Irwin Mitchell LLP. Original on file.

Irwin Mitchell did not withdraw the position.

The Same Position in Every Court Document -- After the Letters

Every document below was filed after Irwin Mitchell received the administrators' letters.

Document	Signed by	Date	Years after administrators' letter
Skeleton Argument -- KA-2024-000031	Hugh Miall, XXIV Old Buildings	19 June 2024	3 years 5 months
Skeleton Argument -- H26YX017	Darren Malone, Irwin Mitchell	9 December 2024	3 years 11 months
Skeleton Argument -- H26YX017	Darren Malone, Irwin Mitchell	20 March 2025	4 years 2 months
Skeleton Argument -- CR-2025-002113	Jessica Lavelle, XXIV Old Buildings	3 April 2025	4 years 2 months
Witness Statement (Statement of Truth)	Kunal Gadhvi, Irwin Mitchell	26 November 2025	4 years 10 months

Ten Courts -- The Merits Never Heard

In none of these proceedings was the central question whether the set-off defence was valid given the administrators' letters, never heard or decided by any court.

1. HHJ Baucher -- County Court at Central London, 27 January 2024
2. Sir Stephen Stewart -- High Court, Appeal Centre, 16 April 2024
3. Mr Justice Soole -- High Court, 24 June 2024
4. HHJ Saunders -- County Court at Central London, 18 December 2024
5. Mr Justice Bourne -- High Court, Appeal Centre, 24 February 2025
6. ICC Judge Greenwood -- High Court, Business and Property Courts, 7 April 2025
7. District Judge Le Bas -- County Court at Central London, 11 April 2025
8. Mark Brodrick, Civil Appeals Office Lawyer -- Court of Appeal, 25 July 2025
9. HHJ Bloom -- Central London County Court, 5 December 2025
10. Lady Justice Whipple -- Court of Appeal, Civil Division, 16 February 2026

Costs awarded against Irama: over £400,000. Amount of the original claim: £65,000. Merits adjudicated: none.

Ian Rush MBE -- Personal Letter, 29 March 2026

Sent directly to: Alice Court, Kunal Gadhvi, Darren Malone, Jessica Lavelle, Hugh Miall, Jovana Vasiljevic, Paul Castellani. Copied to all sports partners at Irwin Mitchell and Kennedys.

IAN RUSH MBE -- 29 MARCH 2026

"I sat in court while, Alice Court, you advanced a case for your client that was not true, and which you knew was not true. You had letters from the court-appointed administrators confirming that no liquidation set-off had been agreed, yet your whole defence was based on that position.

Lord Coulson identified your clients as disruptive, yet you defended them without that caution.

I will not stop until the truth comes out."

Ian Rush MBE, 29 March 2026. Original on file.

Regulatory Complaints on Record

Body	Reference	Submissions	Status
Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal	Case No. 12905-2026	31	Generic rejection to date
Solicitors Regulation Authority	Multiple	37	Under review
Bar Standards Board	BSB Refs: 2025 3735 / 3736	44	Under review
Insolvency Service	CMPT12026/00297	21	Under review
Companies House	COH1836943X	34	Generic rejection to date
Legal Ombudsman	--	18	--
Metropolitan Police	RF26010062846C	1	Logged
NCA Economic Crime	--	13	Acknowledged

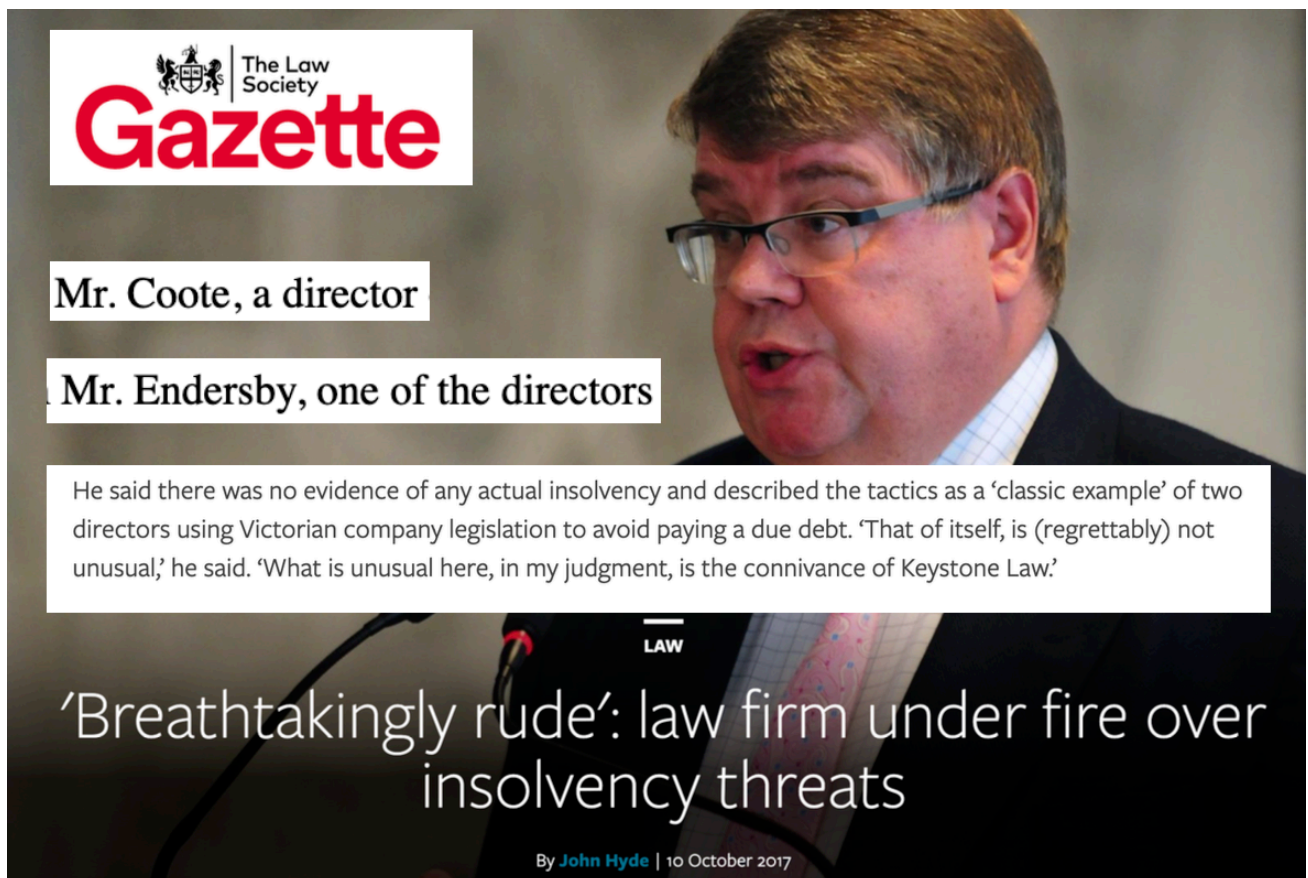
178 acknowledgement emails received. The central issue -- the administrators' letters versus the defence advanced -- has not been the subject of any substantive regulatory investigation to date.


Documents Available on Request

- Gateley Legal letters to Irwin Mitchell LLP (both originals)
- Full transcript -- HHJ Saunders hearing, 18 December 2024
- Skeleton arguments signed by Darren Malone (9 December 2024 and 20 March 2025)
- Hugh Miall skeleton argument, 19 June 2024 (KA-2024-000031)
- Jessica Lavelle skeleton argument, 3 April 2025 (CR-2025-002113)
- Kunal Gadhvi witness statement with statement of truth, 26 November 2025
- Alice Court letter -- contempt warning, 23 February 2024
- Ian Rush MBE personal letter, 29 March 2026
- Five-year email correspondence bundle (236 pages, April 2026)
- Companies House filing -- joint liquidator notes on Irwin Mitchell's refusal to engage (also public record)

Publicly available:

Companies House -- Astrosoccer 4 U Ltd | SDT Tomlinson (January 2026 -- Irwin Mitchell solicitor struck off for dishonesty to a litigant in person) | Law Society Gazette, 10 October 2017 -- Lord Coulson on Keystone Law and these same two directors





Mr. Coote, a director

Mr. Endersby, one of the directors

He said there was no evidence of any actual insolvency and described the tactics as a 'classic example' of two directors using Victorian company legislation to avoid paying a due debt. 'That of itself, is (regrettably) not unusual,' he said. 'What is unusual here, in my judgment, is the connivance of Keystone Law.'

'Breathtakingly rude': law firm under fire over insolvency threats

By [John Hyde](#) | 10 October 2017