

ROYAL COURT  
(Probate Division) 93.

22nd May, 1997

Before: F.C. Hamon, Esq., Deputy Bailiff, and  
Jurats Gruchy and Quérée

In the matter of the Estate of Peter Kelway Tregunna,  
deceased.

And in the matter of the second Representation of Sigma  
Design Team Incorporated (the Representor).

Representation by the Representor seeking an Order that Mrs. Maureen Rondel  
should answer such questions and/or provide copies of such documentation as she  
may have concerning the estate of the Deceased (including the Deceased's dealings  
with his assets and/or those assets of his clients and/or companies and/or trusts  
and/or the entities controlled and/or administered and/or run by him) as the Court  
shall deem fit, the whole subject to such directions and conditions as the Court may  
deem fit.

Advocate A.P. Begg for the Representor.  
Advocate R.J. Renouf for Mrs. Maureen Rondel.

JUDGMENT

5 THE DEPUTY BAILIFF: The problems posed this morning are unusual.  
However, this is not really a Norwich Pharmacal application  
because as I understand it the Norwich Pharmacal application is  
designed to find out the identity of a person from someone who is  
involved in a joint enterprise with that person.

10 We are concerned that the genuine claim of Mr. Begg's client  
expires by prescription on 18th June, 1997, and we are minded,  
without any anticipation of what is going to happen at the end of  
the day, to assist Mr. Begg to a limited extent.

15 Because Mrs. Rondel has very helpfully presented us with an  
affidavit, assisted by Mr. Renouf, where she states that she will  
be prepared to assist the Court if the Court thinks that that will  
be of benefit, we will grant the Prayer of the Representation to  
this extent: we will order Mrs. Rondel to be convened at a  
convenient time and before the 18th June, of course, but the  
questions that are going to be put to her must be presented in  
writing to her or her advocate before the date and time arranged  
20 for the Court sitting and in sufficient time obviously for her to

be able to consider them. There has been a lapse of so many years since she had to consider these matters. That will give Mr. Renouf and his client time to consider where the possible conflicts of confidentiality arise and Mr. Renouf will be able to tell us when Mrs. Rondel comes to the Court where she is particularly embarrassed and we will deal with those questions at that time. There may, of course, be supplementary questions that Mr. Begg may need to ask but again we can deal with them at the hearing. At the end of the day, however, we feel we will be unable to help Mr. Begg any further on the application and if he finds sufficient information to launch an action then he must carry out that process in his own time and against whichever party he feels he should action. We feel that Mrs. Rondel's reasonable costs should be met by the Applicant and we reserve the right to make any further order as to costs at the end of the hearing. I think that all we can do is to leave it to the parties to try to arrange a date in the near future for a hearing which probably should not take more than half a day, and the hearing will, of course, be *in camera*.

We would add that although the hearing will be *in camera*, if the Viscount wishes to attend he should be allowed to do so and he need make no application to us. We trust that counsel will afford us the courtesy of giving him the opportunity to attend should he wish to do so.

No Authorities.