



Payment made + new instructions

1 message

Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

10 February 2025 at 21:51

To: Lucy Cornish <lc@southgate.co.uk>

Hi Lucy,

Please forgive me for this email, I am totally drained, I am crying and travelling home tomorrow as I cannot take this any longer. I am in a terrible mood so don't take it personally, and can barely keep my eyes open so I hope anything below will make sense as I need to respond to you before I travel.

I have made the payment but I am frankly shocked it's costing me £3,500 to send just one letter as so far nothing else has been done.

I picked up the phone this morning but just one second too late, I tried to call back but nobody answered.

I am not eligible for Legal Aid as my application for Advocate for barrister representation at court hearings has been approved and they have extremely strict requirements as well as demanding multiple evidence of no Legal Aid eligibility so please add this in my defence case.

But I definitely would love to accept Louisa's help though in regards to Legal Aid.

Bail conditions have been amended anyway prohibiting them to contact me directly or indirectly, so that will prevent unnecessary legal costs anyway. I therefore leave the decision to you if you think it's best telling you are no longer instructed or not.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS

They have sent the TOLATA application but probably haven't forwarded it to you as the bail conditions have been amended.

- It is imperative this letter lists the legislation that protect me because of my financial situation
- It is the second time the judge confirmed that Alex still has to pay for bills but she refused to put it in writing (I have requested the court transcripts of both hearings), if they please can stop wasting everybody's time by claiming I am not paying the full mortgage this would be great. They have also made a big point of this in the TOLATA application, so please make sure this gets addressed in the letter as they are making me look like a thief despite the fact that I am just following the judge's orders.
- I also want to sell the property ASAP now as I want to move back home.
Please propose this as an option: to sell the house as soon as possible I propose Alex pays for the renovation works and I will reimburse my half upon sale of the property as at this rate I will not have the fundings to do so for quite some time.
- I will decide on the builders as Alex keeps on imposing his builder despite the discussion we had with the judge on the first hearing (please see letter of response I wrote to Ms Walker on the 15.01
- Upon sell of the property I need to reimburse £1,600 to Alex as per judge's decision but nothing related to what they claim I haven't contributed to the mortgage as the first two months Alex owed me 2 months rent and bills for my flat as all the mortgage payments since his arrest are following the judge's order and his half of the bills is been taken out. END OF.
- Make sure you make a strong point that NO SALE OF FURNITURE/chatters or whatever she called them will be shared with Alex as IT ALL BELONGS TO ME. There are hundreds of pages proving that in my statement comments like: "I will not contribute to anything that you can sell when we sell the house" as well as multiple audio recordings. EVERYTHING IS MINE.
- Please propose whatever alternative mediation is available as again, I am not eligible for Legal Aid and cannot afford solicitors.

I hope we can start working on the letter now. I really really need a mental break from all this and that's the only reason why I am going home so forgive me if I might not be as responsive this week, I will make sure this doesn't delay us much further though...

I am so sorry I hope any of this makes sense and that I haven't been too rude. I have just really reached my limit with them, so once again apologies.

Best,
Irene



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RE: Your Property Matter - letting other side know no longer instructed / legal aid

3 messages

Lucy Cornish <lc@southgate.co.uk>
To: Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

11 February 2025 at 20:54

Hi Irene,

Thank you for your email yesterday evening and for making payment – this is safely received.

I am really sorry to hear that you are continuing to struggle mentally. I hope that you arrived safely today and have a restful and restorative home stay.

Also, no need to apologise. Your email was not rude in any way, and I can only imagine how frustrating and distressing this is for you.

I understand and deeply appreciate your concerns with regards to costs and want to reassure you that I remain conscious of costs escalating and that I am doing my best to ensure that work is undertaken in the most cost-effective way.

On a separate note, I am not quite clear on what you mean regarding barrister representation and your legal aid eligibility but hope that in light of my discussion with my colleague who deals with legal aid, that you are able to continue under legal aid once your response to the other side's letter before action/counterproposal is finalised and served on them. I note you would like Louisa's help and so I have asked her to get in touch with you to discuss legal aid.

Thank you for the update regarding the bail conditions. Although, I cannot make decisions on your behalf with respect to how you instruct me. I would therefore be grateful if you could please kindly let me know whether you want me to write to the other side now to let them know we are no longer instructed or wait until after the other side have been served your response to their letter before action. Once confirmed, I will send you an email with a list of questions I have before providing you with a first draft of your letter in response for your consideration.

I note your 'NEW INSTRUCTIONS' bullet points and will probably have some questions on these which I will add to the above-mentioned list.

If you could please get back to me as soon as possible regarding how you are instructing me going forwards, I will then send the list of questions to you as soon as I can with a view to finalising the letter by next week.

I look forward to hearing from you – should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

Your Property Matter - updating client care letter (limited retainer)

1 message

Lucy Cornish <lc@southgate.co.uk>

14 February 2025 at 13:42

To: "irene.spalletti@gmail.com" <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

Hi Irene,

Please see attached updating client care letter for your information and records.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards

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RE: Your Property Matter - first draft of your response to other side's letter before action / your counterproposal for your consideration

Irene Spalletti <irene.spalletti@gmail.com>

15 February 2025 at 17:29

To: Lucy Cornish <lc@southgate.co.uk>

Good morning Lucy,

I am really sorry for my last email, I was a bit harsh and unfair. I know it is not solely your fault, the other party is being extremely unreasonable. I also have to take responsibility as I did tell you not to rush; I just didn't expect these delays in timings and these consequences in relation to them. But I am glad to see from you that they behaved and acted against standard practice and that you seem to agree with me on that now :)

I wanted to say: you have always been great with me and I would like to keep having you by my side through this (if you accept).

I am also very grateful you have moved your client's appointment to make time to write my letter, and that you didn't charge me the full hours it took you to write it, so I would like to say thank you for this.

I keep on missing your calls as I'm driving a lot around here, sorry about that. I won't be able to speak on Monday but I would like to schedule a call on Tuesday anytime after 1pm if that works for you?

I am sending you a few amends now, so my unavailability of Monday doesn't delay things even further.

The letter sounds PERFECT, it's really good and reflects my instructions, so thank you for your time and effort on it, I am really happy with the work you've done on it.

When it comes to the two options, they both seem ok to me, but here is where I need to trust your expertise. If we could just run through them on our next call that would be great (I realise that is why you have been trying to contact me).

- Regarding the property, I want to ensure that the letter does not suggest that we must reach a written agreement before the CPS decides whether to charge him. My understanding, based on discussions with non-legal friends and family, is that he may have been advised to freeze his assets in anticipation of potential charges. If he is prosecuted, I may be granted compensation, which could be deducted from the proceeds of his share of the property sale.
- Regarding the agreement on a solicitor, I want to ensure that no specific timing is mentioned, as I am uncertain whether my Legal Aid application will be approved. If it is unsuccessful, it may take me several weeks to find a charity that can assist me. I am also unsure if this is what is meant in Option 1, section (f).

I have marked up this [PDF](#) with my amends, I hope they are clear enough and that they help clarify some questions you might have.

PDF attached in case the above link doesn't work.

Ideally if you could call between 1pm – 3pm on Tuesday, that would be the best for me, but I am happy to adapt to your schedule.

I hope it's ok if I don't respond to confirm, to save costs, I will just be by my phone all afternoon.

Thank you so much for all your help Lucy.

Best,
Irene