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THE SUPREME COURT OF

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WELCOME TO THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE JOHN VAUGHAN SC

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT PERTH ON TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018, AT 9.15 AM

MARTIN CJ: The court sits this morning to welcome the Honourable Justice John Vaughan to the bench. The court acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands on which we sit this morning, the Wandjina People who form part of the Great Noongar Clan of South Western Australia. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and acknowledge their continuing stewardship of these lands.

I would like to particularly welcome this morning, his Honour's family, his wife Lisa Briggs, their sons, Max and Henry, his Honour's mother and father, Elizabeth and Richard Vaughan, his brothers, Michael and Peter Vaughan, his father-in-law, Clive Briggs, brother-in-law, Michael Briggs, sisters-in-law, Sarah Vaughan and Naomi Briggs and her partner, Robert Newman.

I would also like to welcome the Honourable Robert French AC, former Chief Justice of Australia, the Honourable Malcolm McCusker AC, former Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Justices Neil McKerracher, Michael Barker, Katrina Banks-Smith and Craig Colvin of the Federal Court of Australia, Mr Peter Quinlan SC, Solicitor-General, Chief Judge Kevin Sleight of the District Court, Ms Ros Fogliani, State Coroner, Ms Amanda Forrester SC, Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Adam Tomison, Director-General of the Department of Justice and other distinguished guests including many past members of this and other courts.

I would also like to particularly welcome those who will address the court this morning, being the Honourable John Quigley MLA, Attorney-General of Western Australia, Ms Hayley Cormann, President of the Law Society of Western Australia, and Mr Matthew Howard SC, President of the WA Bar Association.

Your Honour was born in Colchester in England, rather longer ago than your youthful visage would suggest. Lest it be thought that your place of birth indicates recent Australian lineage, I hasten to add that your place of birth was something of an accident of history, as your Australian parents were in the United Kingdom temporarily while your father undertook specialist medical training. The family returned to Perth three weeks after your birth and you've lived here ever since.

You attended local primary and secondary schools before entering the University of Western Australia in 1986, graduating in law with first class honours and in commerce in 1992. Following your graduation, you undertook

articles at the firm then known as Sly & Weigall, which morphed through a number of names and configurations to become the firm now known as Norton Rose Fulbright. You left that firm to practice as a senior associate in the firm of Phillips Fox for almost two years before returning to the firm which had been known as Sly & Weigall, but which by then was practising as Deacons, before becoming a partner in that firm in July 1998.

You practised in that capacity for approximately five years, predominantly in the field of insolvency and more generally in commercial litigation and taxation. Your Honour continued practising in those areas when, in 2003, you left that firm to join Lee Christensen in the partnership known as Christensen & Vaughan where you practised for almost four years before joining the bar at Francis Burt Chambers in April 2007.

During your 11 years at the bar, you've practised in a variety of areas including insolvency, commercial litigation and tax, appearing in both Supreme and Federal Courts regularly. You have been briefed to represent a wide variety of clients including insolvency practitioners, financial institutions, mid to large-size corporations and Commonwealth and State Government bodies and instrumentalities. Your eminence within the profession was recognised by your appointment to Senior Counsel in 2013.

During your time at the bar, you were an active contributor to its activities and you served as Chair of Francis Burt Chambers between 2015 and 2017. Your Honour's extensive experience in commercial practice will stand you in very good stead in relation to your future endeavours in this court. If and when legislation currently before the Parliament is passed, expanding the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court of Western Australia, we hope to be in a position to apply renewed effort and focus upon our commercial cases, applying the additional judicial resources which will no longer be required in the criminal jurisdiction.

Your Honour's interest and expertise in technology will also be of considerable assistance to the court, given the recent introduction of mandatory electronic lodgement of court documents in the civil jurisdiction of the court and the likely consequences of that sea-change in the manner in which the business of the court will be conducted. Despite the demands of an extremely busy practice, your Honour has found the time to continue to play hockey and to actively assist your wife, Lisa, in

facilitating the various sporting activities in which your sons, Max and Henry, are engaged.

On behalf of the court, I'm very pleased to welcome Lisa, Max, Henry and, of course, your Honour into the family of the court and to wish you every success in your future judicial career in which I am sure you will manifest the same qualities of excellence which have characterised your career as a practitioner. Mr Attorney.

QUIGLEY, MR: May it please the court. I too would like to acknowledge and honour the people of the Wandjina People of the Great Noongar Nation upon whose lands we meet this morning and pay my respects to their elders past and present. It is with great pleasure that I appear on behalf of the Western Australian Government and on behalf of the people of Western Australia to welcome your Honour Justice Vaughan as a Judge of this Honourable Court.

In doing so, I also acknowledge and congratulate your Honour's family that are present here today, especially your wife, Lisa, your sons, Max and Henry, both of your parents, Elizabeth and Richard Vaughan, and your brothers, Michael, Peter, and members of your Honour's extended family. While your Honour has right - can rightfully claim a long Western Australian pedigree, your Honour was in fact, as has been noted, born in Colchester in England, the first of five siblings, where your parents were living while your father, Richard, furthered his career in neurosurgery.

Shortly after you were born, your Honour's parents returned to Perth where you and your brothers and sisters were raised and you completed your schooling at Scotch College. Your Honour excelled in your studies and went on to study both commerce and law at the University of Western Australia where you graduated with first class honours in 1992. Your Honour was admitted to practise that year, following the completion of your articles at the national firm then known as Sly & Weigall.

Your Honour quickly developed a reputation through - as a thorough and expert commercial litigator, particularly in the difficult area of insolvency and corporate restructure. It was not long after, in 1998, following its incorporation to Deacons, another national law firm, your Honour made - was made a partner of that firm. Your Honour was then made a partner of the - your Honour was made a partner of the firm at such an early age, your career stands testament to the high regard in which you were and are held in the legal profession.

Your Honour practised as a partner of Deacons for five years before commencing your own firm, Christensen & Vaughan, in August 2003. It was a specialist insolvency firm. Christensen & Vaughan soon proved to be a significant local force in the WA legal landscape, combining the complementary qualities brought by your Honour and your partner, Lee Christensen, who was something of an Oscar Madison to your Felix Unger.

Your Honour practised there until joining the independent bar in 2007, practising from Francis Burt Chambers. Your Honour was a valued and trusted colleague at Francis Burt Chambers where you served an important role as Chair of the Board of Chambers from 2015 to 2017. Whilst at the bar, your Honour was a leader in your chosen fields of insolvency, commercial litigation and taxation, appearing regularly in this court and in the Federal Court of Australia, as well as important cases in the High Court of Australia.

In the High Court, most recently your Honour appeared with his Honour Justice Colvin of the Federal Court for the liquidator of the various Bell Group entities in the successful constitutional challenge to the Western Australian Bell Group Finalisation Legislation. Your Honour's reputation at the bar extended not only to your Honour's considerable expertise and scholarship, but to your Honour's personal qualities; personal qualities that will be of great value as a member of this Honourable Court.

First, your Honour is known for being a thoughtful and considerate advisor and advocate, never having given to hyperbole or theatrics. In many ways, your Honour was a model of what is traditionally known at the bar as an equity whisperer. The opposite of the bombastic lawyer, the equity whisperer is quiet, methodical and even surgical in the way in which he or she approaches a case or dismantles the case of an opponent.

In this, your Honour has no doubt followed your father, Richard, a leading Australian neurosurgeon. While many of your colleagues tended to emulate the brutal approach of the orthopaedic surgeon - we have been known to testify to that. Whilst your Honour - while many of your colleagues tended to emulate the brutal approach of the orthopaedic surgeon, your Honour always adopted a careful and surgical approach to the problem at hand, in many ways more in keeping with the delicate brain surgery.

Which brings me to your Honour's other well-known personal quality: your Honour's genuine humility. While never lacking confidence or decisiveness required to be of a successful advocate or advisor, your Honour always discharged your duties in an unassuming and humble way. Evidence of both your Honour's humility and your Honour's high regard was the fact that in 2013, your Honour had to be prevailed upon by colleagues to apply to the Chief Justice for appointment as Senior Counsel.

And of course, your Honour was appointed that very same year. It would seem that the only question raised in relation to your application is why had it not been made sooner. In addition to your Honour's unquestioned legal expertise, these personal qualities will serve you well as a judge of this court. Whatever the final result in any given case, all litigants want to know and be assured that their case has been properly heard and has been given thorough and careful consideration by the court.

In this, litigants before your Honour can have complete confidence. As for humility, it is no small thing to stand or sit in judgment of one's fellow citizens. Those who assume that responsibility, conscious of its gravity and its seriousness, can only be better for it. Again, the community can be confident that your Honour will bring that gravity and seriousness to the task. Beyond the responsibilities of legal practice, your Honour has always been a keen sportsman, enjoying cricket and especially hockey where you remain a dedicated member of the West Side Wolves.

No doubt hockey will continue to provide your Honour with some respite from your judicial responsibilities, as will of course the continued refuge and support of Lisa, Max and Henry who justly share in your Honour's achievements today. On behalf of the State Government and on behalf of the community of Western Australia, I sincerely congratulate your Honour on your appointment and I wish you well in your service of the people of Western Australia as a judge of this Honourable Court. May it please the court.

MARTIN CJ: Thank you, Mr Attorney. Ms Cormann.

CORMANN, MS: Thank you, Chief Justice. May it please the court. Thank you for the invitation to return this morning on behalf of the Law Society of Western Australia today to welcome the Honourable Justice John Vaughan to the bench. May I also welcome and congratulate the members of your Honour's family and acknowledge the friends and colleagues

present here today, as well as those who would like to have been, but could not be here.

As has already been outlined, your Honour has enjoyed a distinguished legal career to date, spanning more than 25 years including in partnership at a major commercial firm, partnership at a small firm and, for over the last 11 years, establishing a very successful insolvency and commercial litigation practice as a barrister at Francis Burt Chambers. Your Honour is spoken of by colleagues, both senior and more junior, in the very highest of terms.

It is reported that from the very beginning, there could be no doubt about your Honour's future potential. A very senior and respected colleague of our profession recalls your Honour as being perhaps one of the most outstanding articled clerks ever interviewed and Sly & Weigall were delighted when you accepted their offer for articles. Of course, at that place, very good company was kept and I note other outstanding articled clerks from that firm over time that now sit on the bench include President Buss and Justice Corboy and others including the Honourable Robert French.

The partners certainly had an excellent eye for potential. In your Honour's case, the impressions formed about your capabilities were proven true and within a very short period, senior clients became quickly and sufficiently impressed by your Honour and would instruct directly, with your Honour having engendered their confidence in your dedication and capabilities, despite your young age and, at that stage, relative inexperience.

In that regard, your Honour, over your career, has demonstrated an unrivalled maturity and focus, leaving those around you in no doubt of your capacity to succeed. It was at the time, with great disappointment to colleagues, that you left Sly & Weigall and all were naturally delighted when you later returned and became a partner of that firm which, by then, had become Deacons. Throughout this period of practice, your Honour impressed all who came in contact with you; not the least because of your astute legal capabilities, but because, quite frankly, you were also a really nice guy.

Your humanity and compassion were emphasised when you were appointed a staff partner at Deacons and by all accounts your Honour went about this role as all of your others, in your extremely efficient and well-organised way. But in addition to your organisational skills, your colleagues also had complete trust and respect in your

person, given your generous and affable nature, with your Honour ultimately having an enormous positive impact on a great many lawyers over time.

Your former partner, Lee Christensen, speaks of your Honour in the most respectful of terms, despite the two of you being described as chalk and cheese. Lee's shirt would be untucked; your Honour's meticulously tucked in. Lee's desk a mess; yours always pristine. Your Honour is able to cut through peripheral issues and get straight to the heart of a matter, but critically your Honour can also communicate and articulate this with ease, demonstrating an extraordinary capacity to take people with you on that journey.

And the truth is, being effective in our job as advisors and advocates draws upon the principle that it is no good being right unless we are able to communicate this and persuade the hearts and minds of the people around us that we are right and this is a capability that your Honour possesses in spades. Your room is notorious for its brevity: no paper, no pens, no files. You mastered - and some time ago now - the paperless management of cases.

Overall your Honour is described as deeply respected at the bar and elsewhere in the profession and a pleasure to work with, as well as being a devoted husband to Lisa and parent to Max and Henry. From the Law Society's perspective, your Honour has been a valued member of ours for over 26 years, having first joined prior to being admitted in 1992. During this time, your Honour has contributed greatly to the work of the Society, including in your role as Deputy Convenor of our CPD Corporate and Commercial Committee, Member of the Education Committee and Member of CPD General and Commercial Litigation Committee.

Your Honour also has contributed a huge amount to the Society's CPD program generally and consistently donated your time and expertise for the legal education and training of both our members and the wider profession generally. Besides your work with the Law Society, your Honour has also been active in shaping policy at a National level through the Law Council of Australia's Insolvency and Reconstruction Committee.

Like my colleagues at the bar table, over the past few months, we've had the opportunity to address a number of judicial welcomes and farewells. These occasions provide an opportunity acknowledge and celebrate the various contributions made to the profession and to the broader community. It is a pleasure and a particular privilege to

be the President of this organisation at a time when the depth of legal skill, talent and character, which our State has at its disposal, is emphasised, given the opportunities we have had recently to reflect on judges who have already served us so well and to reflect on the various new appointees.

In that regard, I again congratulate the Attorney and his colleagues on an outstanding appointment to this court being celebrated today. Overall, your Honour brings a wealth of experience, standing you in very good stead for this appointment, but also we welcome someone who is kind, human and likeable, one who has had a positive impact on a great many people in our profession and one who will be missed from the bar.

In closing, on behalf of the Law Society, I am delighted to congratulate your Honour on this appointment and I wish you all the very best for your time here. May it please the court.

MARTIN CJ: Thank you, Ms Cormann. Mr Howard.

HOWARD, MR: May it please the court. It is my privilege to appear on behalf of the Western Australian Bar Association to welcome your Honour to the bench of this court. Your Honour, on appointment, has mused that perhaps you came to the bar too late and are leaving it too early. While recognising the inevitability of your Honour's appointment, may I respectfully endorse those thoughts. I think the bar, as well, of course, as your devoted clients and instructors, would have wished for some more years at least of your Honour's skills and abilities.

As the court has heard, you came to the bar in April 2007. You had then an established and well-deserved reputation for excellence, both as an insolvency and commercial litigator. Improbably perhaps, but definitely, your Honour added considerable lustre and depth to that reputation in your 11 years at the bar. Your Honour was regularly engaged in the most difficult cases, especially if they involved an insolvency aspect, none more so than the hundred years war, which is also known as the Bell case, and in which your Honour was briefed and appeared in the High Court in 2016. Indeed, your Honour becomes, no doubt on an imperfect count, at least the seventh silk involved in that litigation to be elevated to the bench following Finkelstein, Allsop, Corboy, Robson, Bathurst, Banks-Smith and, more recently Colvin. It is a revealingly elite field which your Honour joins.

The Australian Institute of Judicial Administration has published suggested criteria for judicial appointment. It groups the criteria under six headings which are: Intellectual Capacity, Certain Personal Qualities - to which I will return, An Ability to Understand and Deal Fairly, Authority and Communication Skills, Efficiency, and Leadership and Management Skills. The personal qualities suggested, and each of the other criteria for that matter, may have been written by somebody describing your Honour as they include: integrity and independence of mind, sound judgment, objectivity, diligence and sound temperament.

My attention was also drawn to what the Institute thought was required by way of communication skills. The first was an ability to explain decisions reached clearly and succinctly to all those involved. Of course, we have not yet had the benefit of your Honour doing so as a judge. But some of us who have been in cases with your Honour have had the advantage of your Honour's views expressed clearly, even forcefully, especially if your Honour thought our conception of the case was not correct.

Some may think that moving from being a leading commercial silk to this court is rather like swapping a palace for a monastery, where a certain frugality is necessarily encouraged by the somewhat reduced resources available. In this respect, your Honour should find the transition perhaps less difficult than some. No one could ever accuse your Honour of extravagance while at the bar. Indeed, your solicitors have reported of celebratory lunches following large and important wins consisting of a sandwich in a food hall.

Further, your Honour reportedly did not seek to demean your instructors by denying them the right of free determination and the right to purchase their own sandwich. While I have no doubt that your Honour will be fantastic to work for as an associate, and in all other respects work for as an associate, prospective associates should take note that your Honour also celebrated a former pupil of yours coming out of their first year at the bar with the self-same food hall experience. That is not to say, of course, that your Honour lacks humour or colour.

In a particular case, to make your note, you described the other side's proposal, which required this court's approval, in your written submission as a Clayton's proposal. It was, with respect, an effective piece of written advocacy. However, your Honour perhaps did not anticipate that junior counsel on the other side would not

grasp the cultural reference that your Honour was making and therefore spent considerable time frustratingly trying to identify the Clayton's case that lay behind your Honour's written observation.

Your Honour, the Chief Justice, has already made reference, perhaps a little unkindly, to your Honour being older than your youthful visage suggested. I know your Honour is concerned that the weight of office or the unflattering smock/gown that your Honour now wears has already aged you. I'm not sure if it will be of any comfort to your Honour that, at least from this side of the bar table, your Honour looks no older in the gown than you did previously.

The bar wholeheartedly welcomes your Honour's appointment. We have no doubt that your Honour will be an outstanding judge and make a significant contribution to the work and life of this court. We look forward to appearing before your Honour for many years. May it please the court.

MARTIN CJ: Thank you, Mr Howard. Justice Vaughan.

VAUGHAN J: Chief Justice, current and past members of this court, members of other courts, Mr Attorney, Ms Cormann, Mr Howard, members of the legal profession, family and friends. Thank you all for your presence this morning. I appreciate it very much. I'm acutely aware that there is a current spate of retirements and appointments. There is, certainly within the profession, a real sense of ceremonial fatigue. I am, however, most grateful for your support in attending this, my, but another sitting.

In particular, in now for the first time looking out at a courtroom, it's comforting to see so many with whom I have worked in the past. A little over three weeks ago, I appeared in this courtroom as counsel. It was my second last appearance. I occupied the seat now occupied by the Attorney. I can assure you that I felt far more comfortable standing there then than I do sitting here now.

As for what was said by those who addressed the court, I can assure my family that these events are traditionally characterised by exaggeration and embellishment. Today is no exception. I'm under no illusions, Mr Attorney, Ms Cormann and Mr Howard, despite your kind words for which I thank you, my time as a solicitor and latterly as a barrister is unlikely to be remembered by many in the legal profession in only a few short years. I can only hope that, 20 years in the future, litigants and lawyers

speaking of me as a judge in the privacy of their own homes and offices might express some of the positive sentiments that have fallen from the three of you.

Mr Attorney, notwithstanding the mishap of my overseas birth, I am a proud and parochial Western Australian. I am deeply honoured by the appointment as a judge of this court and the trust and confidence placed in me by yourself and the government on behalf of the people of Western Australia. I will do my very best. My children will have noticed that I have not said that I will try to do my best. Do or do not. There is no try.

Ms Cormann, those who followed the chronology of my pathway to today will have identified that I've spent far more time as a solicitor or a solicitor advocate than I did as a barrister. The challenges that are presented in being a good solicitor are, in my respectful opinion, far more demanding than those that confront a barrister. That is particularly the case for a commercial solicitor. He or she must deal with an increasingly complex legal and regulatory environment and try to second guess what may happen years after a transaction has been completed. As counsel, I have been fortunate in being briefed by very good solicitors, a number of whom are here. Without them, life would have been a lot more difficult.

Mr Howard, the bar, and in particular my time at Francis Burt Chambers, has been the place of greatest enjoyment for me in terms of professional career and development. Your reports of my musings are accurate. In hindsight, I came far too late to the bar. I will miss it and the challenges and rewards that it brings. Most of all, I will miss the collegiality of chambers. The bar opened my eyes to a life in the law beyond the world of the commercial lawyer. I always enjoyed the many and very aspects of the law that were revealed by speaking to my neighbours.

The criminal and family lawyers always had facts and issues that made my life as an insolvency lawyer seem quite mundane. And it was at the bar that my practice as an advocate developed into areas beyond the realm of insolvency. In my time as senior counsel, I have been fortunate to work with a number of talented and diligent junior counsel. The depth of the junior bar in Perth is, I think, much stronger than when I commenced at counsel some 11 years ago. That improvement is a testament to the training and development programs implemented by the Western Australian Bar Association, often in association with the Australia Bar Association.

While, no doubt there are exceptions, some of them sitting on the bench with me today, I am certain that most advocates are made and not born. I know that to be the case to me personally. I never felt that I was a natural advocate. I benefited greatly from the advocacy training provided by WABA and the ABA. I should make particular mention of Gail Archer SC, as her Honour then was. Ever since the bar reader's course, my cross-examinations have depended on the approach to preparation and structure as illustrated by her Honour.

There are, of course, many other people who I must thank. I apologise in advance as I will not be able to mention all to whom I owe a great debt. I must commence by mentioning my parents. I suspect that one does not fully comprehend the extent of a parent's love, support and sacrifice until you become a parent yourself. My brothers and sisters were very lucky to be brought up by two people who care for us deeply and who provided every possible advantage we might have needed.

I'm the eldest of five children. My parents raised two lawyers - my brother, a commercial lawyer - an entrepreneur, a sea captain and a veterinarian. My brothers, Michael and Peter, are here. Rebecca, the vet, had a prior obligation. She is scheduled to deliver a paper about the Carnaby Cockatoo to a Wildlife Conference in Sydney this morning. At least, I wasn't trumped by pink and grey galahs. Sadly, our other sister, Susannah, passed away at sea far too young. She would have loved to have been here. Susannah always liked an occasion.

In dealing with the five of us, my mother was the eternal peacemaker. Her example in dealing even-handedly and temperately with quarrelsome and irrational complainants should prove useful in my new role. Regrettably, her favourite solution that Michael and I should just take our baby sister for a walk around the lake in the pram probably will no longer cut the mustard. My father is the person who has had the most influence on my life. I've never known anyone who has worked harder or more conscientiously. He has been a role model for my siblings and I. My thank you is far too insufficient an expression of gratitude.

As a young lawyer, I was fortunate to work at Sly & Weigall which was then a medium-sized firm with national connections. The litigation department had a wide variety of good commercial work. There are two things that stand out for me from that formative experience. First, rather than writing endless memos, I was given the opportunity to

do appearances and other legal work, often with counsel. Preparing me to do so involved a significant investment of time on the part of those who were my supervisors.

Second, although after a while I developed a specialty in the area of insolvency, that is something that happened naturally after I had been exposed to and worked in a number of diverse areas. In more recent times, I've observed that young practitioners are pushed to specialise very early in their careers. I am grateful that I was not and that, in that early time, I was exposed to a variety of work across many areas of the law. My thanks to Ross Harrison to who I was articled, and also to Ashley Macknay, Estelle Blewett and Patrick O'Neal, as his Honour then was.

Later, as a partner, I enjoyed productive relationships with Chris McLeod at Deacons, and then Lee Christensen who saved me from the demands of a nationality integrated firm. The illusion to The Odd Couple is one that probably fairly presents. Nevertheless, it was because of that diversity a partnership that worked. The challenge in establishing a firm from scratch and working with exclusively senior practitioners such as Lee, Gary Cobby and Andrew Mason is a time that I will always cherish.

I've already spoken of my time at the bar. As a junior barrister, I worked with and received considerable guidance from Ken Martin QC, as his Honour then was, and Matt Zilko SC. More recently, as professional or other issues have arisen, I greatly valued being able to discuss things with Chris Zelestis QC, Craig Colvin SC, as his Honour was then, and Patricia Cahill SC. Thank you all.

Turning away from the law and focusing on my immediate family, I must mention my sons, Max and Henry. I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. I've learnt far more from you than you will ever realise. There are, of course, some downsides to having a barrister as a family. I should say, however, that having become teenagers, you are both far more adept at giving non-responsive answers to any probing by your mother and I. From time to time, Max has helped me out in my chambers at Francis Burt. You now both have a far more critical role. I'm relying on you to keep me grounded with a good daily dose of hard core reality as I move into my new job.

Last, but only because I leave the best for last, I would like to thank my wife, Lisa. The last 20 years would not have been possible without your love and support. I know that that sounds trite, but the truth is often trite.

It isn't necessarily that easy being married to a barrister. There have been many recent occasions where, because I'm in a hearing or preparing for a hearing, I am physically present but practically absent. Too many holidays have been interrupted by having to accommodate other people's deadlines. Lisa has borne that in good humour and made sure that our family functions.

Some of you in the courtroom, those who have good memories and good eyesight, may remember the tie that I am wearing today. I wore this tie to our wedding. Like Lisa, it is always my go to in times of high stress and high anxiety. While you all see the tie here at my front, just by wearing it, I know that Lisa has my back. And with that reassurance, I feel far better equipped to tackle my new life as a judge of this court.

MARTIN CJ: Thank you, Justice Vaughan. That completes the formal part of this morning's proceedings. Court will now adjourn.

AT 9.53 AM THE MATTER WAS ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY

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