

TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2012

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL**

ON APPEAL FROM THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

HQ10D01015

**BEFORE** SIR RICHARD BUXTON

**B E T W E E N**

CHIEF CONSTABLE OF BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

DEFENDANT/  
APPLICANT

- and -

AMILTON NICHOLAS BENTO

CLAIMANT/  
RESPONDENT

**ON READING** the Appellant's Notice sealed on the 24th February 2012 filed on behalf of the Defendant applying for permission to appeal and expedited hearing from the order of Mr Justice Tugendhat dated 6th February 2012

**IT IS ORDERED** that permission to appeal is refused

**Reasons**

A judge with unparalleled experience of the management of defamation proceedings was well entitled to conclude that a single reasoned judgment was preferable in this case because in particular of (1) the difficulty of handling a developing and complex issue of qualified privilege in the course of a jury trial (judgment at paragraph 12), (2) the possible unclarity of the reasons for the decision owing to the inscrutability of a jury verdict (judgment at paragraph 15). There is no reasonable likelihood of the Court of appeal substituting its judgment for that of the judge

*For the Court*



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