

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION  
B E T W E E N:

ANDREW GILLIGAN

Claimant

- and -

FABER & FABER LIMITED

Defendant

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STATEMENT IN COURT

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**Claimant's Advocate, Korieh Duodu:** In this claim for libel I appear for the Claimant, Andrew Gilligan, and Martin Soames appears for the Defendant, Faber & Faber Ltd. Mr Gilligan is a well-known journalist who is currently the London editor of *The Daily and Sunday Telegraph*. Faber is the publisher of *You Can't Say That*, the autobiography of Ken Livingstone.

Pages 642 to 645 of the book refer to a series of articles written by Mr Gilligan, while employed by *The London Evening Standard*, about the allocation of grants by the London Development Agency at the time that Mr Livingstone was mayor. The articles led to Mr Gilligan being named Journalist of the Year at the British Press Awards in April 2008.

In the course of the passages of the book it was stated that Mr Gilligan was "shown the door" by *The Standard* and that editorials were subsequently published which "said that there had been no corruption or cronyism at City Hall". In context, this may have been understood by a portion of the book's readership to mean that Mr Gilligan was sacked by *The Standard* and that his articles were then recanted by the newspaper.

The true position is that Mr Gilligan was not sacked. He left of his own volition to join *The Telegraph*. No such editorials have been published by *The Standard* and Mr Gilligan's articles continue to be available on its website.

Faber has agreed to join in this public statement to make the position clear. The parties have agreed other terms of redress which shall remain confidential. In the light of this, Mr Gilligan is prepared to let the matter rest.

**Defendant's Solicitor:** On behalf of Faber I accept what Mr Duodu has said and apologise to Mr Gilligan. For the avoidance of doubt, Faber did not intend to make either of the suggestions complained of and is happy to resolve any misunderstanding through this statement.

**Claimant's Advocate:** In the circumstances, Mr Gilligan agrees to bring this matter to a close.