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Events Leading To My Current Financial Status 2008-2014

A. My name is Claudio Cianfrano. I am 51 years old and I am the second of three siblings. Both of my parents have passed away.

B. My late father Pietro Cianfrano organised the writing of his last Will with our family lawyer, Ted Fardell and named my sister Nancy and myself Executors of the will, my eldest brother Robert was mentioned but not included.

C. In late 2008 my father was diagnosed with secondary cancer and was hospitalised. The illness was terminal and he passed away June, 2009.

D. I began to administer the Estate under the direction of local law firm Whitely , Ironside and Shillington (Toby Tancred) and he proceeded to do a probate which was filed in Supreme Court. My sister had no part as she revoked her role as Executor because of pressure from Robert. My mother had no input in running the Estate due to her ongoing illnesses (stroke and dementia).

E. 2009-1010 Robert began his campaign to claim Estate with contestation of the Will using my mother. He also began to vandalise, terrorise and steal from the Estate. I informed my Solicitor, Toby Tancred of the numerous events and asked for his assistance. At first he told me he would assist me in neutralising Roberts actions. The harassment, vandalising and destruction of property on the Estate continued. I attended the local Courthouse to apply for an AVO as advised by my Solicitor (Toby). I then returned to my Solicitor and he declined to assist me any further and told me to find another lawyer. The AVO is not granted.

F. 2010- an acquaintance Joy Engleman contacts Law Society for a list of Pro-Bono law firms, Joy Engleman contacted one firm (Terry Johansson Lawyers). I researched their advertisement and it stated "No Success, No Fee" this compelled me to meet with them. I met with them on three occasions Joy Engleman corresponds 88 emails and faxes information to them, I was not present on many occasions (I have documents to prove this).

G. I made Law Firm aware that I did not have funds to pay for services via a letter.

H. Ted Fardell (formally family lawyer) lent me \$5000.00 to give to them.

I. Joy Engleman, an acquaintance (formally a social worker) knew of my past incarceration to Bloomfield Mental Hospital, she transported me to the Hospital and helped to have me admitted in late 2007.

J. The Firm (Johansson Lawyers) had no idea of the situation and were never forthcoming and transparent with me, all information went via Joy Engleman for reasons unknown to me.

K. I was evicted from the Estate soon afterwards and I asked firm (Johansson Lawyers) to intervene to no avail. Robert through my mother had me evicted by concocting affidavits and AVO's against me. He did this to have me removed in the running of the Estate.

L. The previous firm (Whiteley, Ironside and Shillington) sent summons for me to attend Court to recover their costs originally the sum of \$38,000, I could not pay.

M. The firm (Johansson Lawyers) sent Joy Engleman documents for me to sign, this included Retainer and Mortgage. I did not want to sign anything, I believe I did not sign ant Retainer or Cost Agreement. 3-4 weeks passed and Joy Engleman told me the Mortgage Documents needed to be signed, I was still hesitant, I was very confused and I felt something was not right. Joy said it will guarantee your progress and its only a small part of the Estate. Your mother, sister and yourself will share the debt. She did not tell me the Mortgage would freeze the whole of the Estate, I feel she lied to me!

I finally signed the Mortgage Document due to the pressure, and she sent a copy via facsimile to

Johansson Lawyers.

N. 2011-I reconciled with my mother who is ill and on medication. I feared the worst. I contacted Terry Johansson Lawyers and terminate their so called intervention, the firm then sends me an outrageous bill of \$250,000.00 I have since been advised the Mortgage is defective and devious. The firm Johansson Lawyers intended to charge me for work not done. I believe that if I did sign a Retainer- that would breach it. I have experienced misleading and deceptive conduct on their behalf. I would never have agreed to this fraudulent misrepresentation, gross overcharging and professional misconduct. I was advised that cases are billed on completion of work. How can they charge for work that was not done?

O. How can firm Johansson Lawyers register such a Mortgage, if it was never my property to Mortgage? The firm has inflated and highly exaggerated their amount. There is also a caveat in place on the Estate in the name of my father (Pietro Cianfrano). How can a firm Mortgage an Estate, where I am not on the title? How can Johansson Lawyers bill me in the middle of the case? Again, if I did sign an agreement I believe this would breach it. No resolution was achieved. Their role was to keep me in control of the Estate as Executor! This they did not achieve. How did they commence seven actions on seven matters when I did not instruct them to do so?

P. My mother passed away on July 2014, she did not leave a Will.

Q. The firm (Johansson Lawyers) have since changed their name to CWPL (Contested Wills and Probate Lawyers).

R. Recently I filled for bankruptcy, otherwise the billing would have continued!

S. I have tried to have costs assessed by Supreme Court Assessment Department, I have contacted the Legal Services Commissioner, Ombudsman and Law Society. In my opinion, this firm Johansson Lawyers knew exactly what they were doing! The Firm are holding the estate to ransom! Many questions remain to be answered as I fail to understand what they have achieved and the amount they have charged me for? As a result of this undermined saga from 2009-2014 I have many documents, files and reports to support my claims incurred by myself that can only be described as an injustice.

This has resulted in:

1. The loss of my personal property
2. My livelihood
3. My current financial status resulting in bankruptcy

IN SUMMARY

In writing the above I am asking for professional Legal Assistance in resolving the current financial debarcle in order for me to go back to a normal working life. All I have endeavoured to do is give a brief outline of the many events that have occurred over this period of time.

Yours sincerely

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