



Defamation Act 1996

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Summary disposal of claim

9 Meaning of summary relief

- (1) For the purposes of section 8 (summary disposal of claim) “summary relief” means such of the following as may be appropriate—
- (a) a declaration that the statement was false and defamatory of the plaintiff;
 - (b) an order that the defendant publish or cause to be published a suitable correction and apology;
 - (c) damages not exceeding £10,000 or such other amount as may be prescribed by order of the Lord Chancellor;
 - (d) an order restraining the defendant from publishing or further publishing the matter complained of.
- (2) The content of any correction and apology, and the time, manner, form and place of publication, shall be for the parties to agree.
- If they cannot agree on the content, the court may direct the defendant to publish or cause to be published a summary of the court’s judgment agreed by the parties or settled by the court in accordance with rules of court.
- If they cannot agree on the time, manner, form or place of publication, the court may direct the defendant to take such reasonable and practicable steps as the court considers appropriate.
- (3) Any order under subsection (1)(c) shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.