



Bruno beats News Group Newspapers

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Press Release

More used to winning his fights in the ring, Frank Bruno, Britain's best loved boxer and former heavyweight champion of the world, was forced to take on News Group Newspapers in High Court litigation.

Today, the High Court heard News Group Newspapers apologise to Frank as part of the settlement of his claim for misuse of private information and breach of confidence arising from phone-hacking. News Group Newspapers is the publisher of The Sun and was also the publisher of the News of the World, until it was forced to close in the wake of the phone-hacking scandal.

Hanna Basha and Nick Grant, of the Privacy and Media Law team at Payne Hicks Beach, represented Frank in his claim. Hanna, a Partner in the team, read out a statement in court confirming that the case had settled with Frank receiving substantial damages. After the hearing, Hanna commented: "This is one of the most shocking examples of phone hacking we have seen. I am pleased that we were able to support Frank in such a tough case and achieve an unequivocal apology together with a payment in damages that reflects the enormous intrusion he suffered."

Frank said: "I always believed that there was something strange going on with my phone, but no-one believed me. For years I said I was being hacked but people just said "Poor old Frank he's really lost it this time." I am glad that News Group Newspapers has finally apologised to me for the intrusions into my private life and the distress which it caused me and those close to me over a number of years.

No amount of money will ever pay for the stress this caused, the sleepless nights, and the countless rows I had with people who I thought had leaked stories to the press. The people who did this are the lowest of the low. Gutter press is a good description. I hope they have now learnt some lessons. My mum used to say that we need to forgive those who have wronged us and, despite what I have been through, I will try and put this horrible episode behind me.

I am thankful to those around me who supported me in my fight."

Click below to read the Statement read out in Court by Hanna Basha, Solicitor to Frank Bruno.