



## High Court Action against Google

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#### **MAX MOSLEY BEGINS HIGH COURT ACTION AGAINST GOOGLE**

Payne Hicks Beach, lawyers acting for Max Mosley have issued High Court proceedings against Google Inc and Google UK Limited for misuse of private information and breaches of the Data Protection Act.

This is an important case concerning the ability of individuals within the UK to enforce their rights against the large corporations that control access to the internet. It seeks to compel Google to stop gathering and publishing images that the English High Court decided in 2008 were unlawful in the landmark privacy case *Mosley v News Group Newspapers*.

The proceedings follow extensive attempts to persuade Google to resolve this matter without the need for Court action.

This is not a case about the "right to be forgotten" or freedom of speech. Nor does it require Google to act as an arbiter of what is lawful and what is not. The High Court has already made that decision in respect of the images concerned. All that Google is being asked to do is to take practical measures to give effect to that decision of the Court.

Max Mosley commented:

"Adherence to the rule of law is essential to any society. This must include compliance with the decisions of the courts. As the gateway to the internet Google makes enormous profits and has great influence, so I have not taken this action lightly. But Google should operate within the law rather than according to rules it makes itself. It cannot be allowed to ignore judgments in our courts."

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