

RE: DISCOVERY ATTACK ON RONALD AND DARREN BOBROFF

Dear Sally

As discussed I am sending you some information and documents concerning the seven year vendetta against Darren and I and our Practice by Discovery – a multibillion dollar public company, primarily sustained by the cash flow emanating from its captive medical aid scheme.

Most of this information you will find on our websites bobroffronald.com, bobroff.info and toutingattorneys.co.za, but in order to assist you I make reference to and attach specific documents.

The key to understanding the genesis of this vendetta, the character of the proxies recruited by Discovery and how they meticulously planned to bring about our ruination is my “Shocking Discovery for Discovery member’s” document, which I attach but is also on our website.

Whilst there were a handful of honest and courageous journalists who were not intimidated by Discovery, which consequent upon its R600 million rand per year advertising budget, lavish cash “journalist awards”, was able to exert enormous influence on newspaper editors, and fortified by its army of highly paid lawyers poised to attack any publication and journalist who had anything negative to say about Discovery, as for decades been able to see to it that little negative about Discovery is ever published.

However James Styan of Finweek stuck to his guns in the face of specific threats from Katz, and who telephoned me so that I could hear Katz threatening him on his other phone after he had sent his proposed article to Katz for comment.

I am attaching James Styan’s article entitled “Expose Unsettling Discovery”.

David Gleason a publisher of a legal journal and probably one of South Africa’s most respected journalists who had a regular column

in South Africa's only Newspaper which is of any consequence – Business Day – died suddenly and unexpectedly within days of his publishing the first of what I was later informed to be a series of articles exposing Discovery's deliberate and calculated policy of deceiving and defrauding its members. I attach a copy of his article entitled "Torque: Accusations Fly in Medical Aid Case".

I shared with you Discovery's Katz and their attorney van Niekerk's plan to bring about the fulfilment of Katz' repeated threat – "no matter what it takes, no matter what it costs we will destroy you all" involves the very dregs of humanity, and bribery and corruption.

Anthony Millar whose Practice has been entirely comprised of poor and semi-literate persons of colour, who sustained injury in road accidents, and touted/solicited from their hospital beds by Millars tout Mr Jabu Gxokwa at Natalspruit Hospital (approximately 30km east of Johannesburg).

Following on extensive complaints from members of SAAPIL (South African Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) to SAAPIL's then President Monique Woods that Millar and Berger were engaged in massive touting and ripping off these poor and vulnerable people, and should be exposed by SAAPIL, she instructed private investigators to look into the allegations.

After she died tragically from malignant pleural mesothelioma, I was elected President of SAAPIL, and the executive committee resolved to continue the investigation.

Two well-known and reputable firms of investigators interviewed dozens of Millar's clients and furnished SAAPIL with affidavits by such persons, all of whom described in detail how they had been touted to Millar from their hospital beds.

SAAPIL forwarded these together with the investigators contact details to the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, and after these complaints had been allocated to one of the Law Society's officials - Jaco Fourie - who should have promptly pursued Millar and recommended to the Council that an application should immediately be brought to strike him and his partner Berger off the roll, did

absolutely nothing.

Eventually after demands by SAAPIL's vice President that Berger and Millar face a hearing before an investigating committee, Fourie reluctantly agreed to this but refused to agree to SAAPIL arranging transport for Millar's poverty stricken victims from the informal settlements (squatter camps) where they lived to the Law Society's offices in Pretoria central.

When SAAPIL nevertheless arranged for these victims to accompany attorney and counsel briefed to represent these complainants, Fourie refused these lawyers access to the committee room, and behind closed doors and in secret the complaints then being dealt with by Fourie were swept under the carpet.

A further six complaints which were presented to Fourie, together with the deponents to the six affidavits by attorney and counsel representing them to Fourie, were also ignored by Fourie, and despite ongoing requests to Fourie in terms of PAIA (Promotion of Access to Information Act) for a copy of a recording of the proceedings and PAJA (Promotion of Administrative Justice Act), these requests were simply ignored.

It is quite clear even at that time and as arrogantly boasted of by Katz when he accosted Darren and his wife and two little boys on the 16th June 2015, that Discovery / its attorneys ENS had already taken control of Fourie. See email from Millar to Katz below regarding their corrupt interaction with Fourie, and who was obliged in terms of law Society policy not to discuss pending proceedings with the "complainants". As you will note he was effectively colluding with Millar as to how Millar wanted him to target Darren because Darren had the "cheek" to describe Berger and Millar as "low lifes and scum bags".

22 Aug, 4:05 PM - cora: From: Norman Berger & Partners Inc

Sent: 22 August 2014 03:36 PM

To: 'Jeffrey Katz'

Subject: DARREN BOBROFF

Just spoke to Jaco – the Bobroffs were there yesterday. Want to settle on the basis they agree in writing to not make any further statements – if not acceptable then they intend to take “all sorts of points” like that the committee is not properly constituted etc. Jaco says he is not buying it. We discussed sanctions and I proposed that he ask for a suspension, alternatively a R100 000,00 fine. Says there is no precedent for such disgraceful conduct.

23 Aug, 7:46 AM - cora: Darren, Beamish has nn mercy and I am 100% sure that he will come after me if you make the whatsapp public. Once again I beg you to keep it confidential. Please! Cora

23 Aug, 7:49 AM - Darren: dont worry wont mention you

23 Aug, 7:51 AM - cora: Its nt about my name, its about the whatsapp. He will know!

23 Aug, 7:55 AM - Darren: I understand

23 Aug, 7:57 AM - cora: So? Are you going to use the whatsapp? I need to know plse

23 Aug, 8:15 AM - Darren: no

23 Aug, 8:27 AM - cora: Thank you!!!

You will note in paragraph m of the complaint letter, a copy of which I gave to you yesterday, and which Darren sent to the Law Society dated 30th July 2015, Katz stated “You shouldn’t waste your time lodging any more complaints against Millar. You must have realised by now, these will go nowhere as has been the case with all complaints you have lodged”.

You will therefore understand that the collusion between Katz and

Millar was a marriage made in heaven, as absent Discovery and its attorney's tentacles in the Law Society, Millar and his partner Berger should and would have been struck off the roll early 2013.

So Millar was obviously most eager, and in fact had little option if he was to remain in practice to serve as Discovery's proxy in "representing" the former RBP clients being members of Discovery and who had lawfully and ethically been charged common law percentage contingency fees, and had received outstanding results at no risk and upfront cost to them, to now serve as proxies for Discovery in attacking RBP's fee agreements.

You need to be aware that Millar did not attack the identical fee agreements of any other personal injury lawyers once he had been recruited by Discovery, and that every single one of the Practices former clients who challenged the common law fee agreements were Discovery members and Millar was the only attorney involved in the attacks.

No other RBP clients who were charged common law percentage fees turned on the Practice, despite a vicious and ongoing media campaign fronted by Beamish and echoed by a handful of other reporters known to have close connections to Discovery.

Before Cora van der Merwe was recruited by Millar and Beamish, she was instructed by attorney Berlowitz who represented one of Millar's former clients, to oppose the assessment of Millar's attorney and client account.

Millar had recovered a measly R37 000.00 (AUD \$3700.00) for that client, yet was now suing this poverty stricken shack dweller for hundreds of thousands of rands.

I attach Cora van der Merwe's report as to what she found when she inspected Millar's file, and have translated the Afrikaans for you to English of the relevant parts.

However and after van der Merwe's betrayal had been exposed and she had apparently forgotten about her report to Tony Berlowitz, and in an attempt to praise Millar and defame me, she tweeted and I am

attaching her email to Moneyweb editor Ryk van Niekerk, her report to Tony Berlowitz and her tweet.

So as to enable you to gain an understanding of the extent of the social media attacks on Darren and I, our Practice and members of our staff by Millar, Beamish I am attaching an index to the number of tweets published by Millar and which were then invariably retweeted by Beamish and Katz, as also by the two of them under their false twitter handles consumerFumer and LisaK.

In an affidavit prepared for the Law Society by its attorneys in May 2015, and in respect of which I attach the relevant pages hereto, but which was discarded once Discovery and its attorneys hijacked the Law Society Council, so that you can view what was said about Millar and Beamish by the Law Society's attorney.

Millar has been richly rewarded by Discovery for his role in enabling Katz to bring about fulfilment of his threat to destroy us.

As mentioned to you he is a so called Discovery panel attorney which has enabled him to tout large numbers of Discovery members who have sustained injury in road accidents.

He was leapfrogged from obscurity, having never been involved in the affairs of the organised profession, to the office of President of the LSNP, and where his only previous attendances at the offices of the Law Society would have been to face, what I am reliably informed has been an endless stream of complaints against him by clients and colleagues, and which were acted on prior to Discovery's taking control of the Law Society's disciplinary department in approximately 2013.

Bernadine van Wyk

Van Wyk was employed by RBP from September 2010, and unbeknown to us had ten convictions of fraud by false pretences, had served a term of imprisonment and, in 2008 had stolen R1.3million from her then employer Attorney Schalk de Bruyn.

I attach a copy of her official Police record and relevant extracts of

attorney de Bruyn's affidavit lodged with the Police.

Whilst the police were searching for her, and they were going to act on de Bruyn's affidavit, I was informed in 2015 that following on a visit from attorney and counsel instructed by Discovery, the police were "persuaded" not to take the matter further.

Van Wyk was recruited by Millar and she was promised by Discovery that should she succeed in bringing about the ruination of our Practice, they would employ her at a very high salary, and pay her R1 million so that she could purchase a home of her choice.

Accordingly she proceeded to effect irregular entries in the books of the Practice and to ignore instructions given to her to rectify same when these came to the attention of the Practices auditor. Once she felt she had set us up sufficiently she "tipped off" the South African Revenue Services who then descended on the Practice and conducted an intensive audit on the Practice and its three directors.

At the time of the audit van Wyk who was friendly with the Practices Afrikaans receptionist Ms Liza Boucher, confided in Liza what she had done, and that she confidently anticipated that SARS would shut down the Practice and arrest its directors.

She suggested Liza provide her with a copy of her CV, so that she could obtain employment for Liza with Discovery. I attach Liza's affidavit.

Consequent upon investigations into theft of material from the Practice of obvious leaks to Millar and Beamish, who would tweet about anything and everything which occurred in the Practice within minutes of same occurring, and who had clearly had insight into Darren and my personal bank accounts, the investigators recommended that polygraph tests be taken.

When van Wyk's turn came to be tested, she ran into the senior bookkeeper's office, threw her keys onto the desk, shouted "I will never come back", and physically ran out of the office onto the street.

At her subsequent disciplinary hearing, she was unable to deny the allegations against her and on the recommendation of the

independent chairperson she was immediately dismissed.

Beamish referred to van Wyk in one of his trashy articles as a “courageous whistle-blower”

Cora van der Merwe

Turning to Cora van der Merwe the “whistle-blower”.

I wasn't aware at the time we employed her or until we dismissed her that her former husband Jaco van der Merwe had been compelled to obtain a protection order against her, on account of her constantly coming to his home, assaulting him and his new wife and trashing the premises.

I attach a copy of the order for you.

I told you about her sudden declaration to me, after I told her that I would instruct the Practices bookkeeper to cease harassing her, because she had not produced the VAT registration number of her business during the time she had rendered services to the Practice as an independent contractor.

Also with regards to her excessive sick leave. I can make available to you if required her extensive Whatsapp communications between her and Beamish, including emails exchanged between her and Beamish and a senior Pretoria High Court Judge – Eberhard Bertlesman, who was advising Beamish with regards to Beamish's attack on us.

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To: [Tony Beamish](#) >

**Re: Another bitter blow for the
Bobroffs - Special investigations |
Moneyweb**

16 Aug 2014 08:35

The letter you quote constitutes contempt of court by describing the common law contingency fee as lawful in the face of the apex court's judgment.

Happy hunting!

Eberhard

Sent from my iPad

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We subsequently ascertained that Bertlesman and his family enjoyed multi week's stays annually at Beamish's luxurious villa in the South of France, and that there was collusion between Bertlesman, Beamish, Millar and Cora with regards to the implementation of the Discovery vendetta. See one of the whatsapp communications between judge Bertelsman and Beamish, and Bertelsman wishing Beamish "Happy Hunting".

After Cora was exposed by Paul O'Sullivan and dismissed by us, she was handsomely rewarded by Discovery who set her up in business as a costs assessor in luxurious offices, equipped with the latest Apple computers, and I was informed covered the cost of her employees.

Millar, Beamish and Bertlesman sponsored an indaba (African vernacular word for workshop) on legal costs, designed to attract business for her, and the marketing of this workshop made prominent reference to the fact that retired Judge Bertlesman would be a speaker, and that Beamish who to the best of my knowledge has never practiced law, would be the facilitator where the speakers would participate in an Q & A session, and Millar was also prominently featured as the "President" of the LSNP.

I attach some of the marketing material and can let you have some of the emails which Beamish exchanged with Bertlesman and which he copied to Cora in what became his successful attempt to recruit her.

Before she was recruited by Beamish, she had confided in me that she was exchanging whatsapps with him. She described him as a pathetic individual, friendless, without any partner and who would regale her late at night with whatsapps, stories and photographs of his villa in the South of France, his Harley Davidson motorcycle, his

valuable paintings and so on.

When I laughingly suggested to her that he was trying to become her boyfriend, her guttural response in Afrikaans was “ Nee Mnr. B, hy is Fieslik en afstootlik” translated means despicable and repulsive.

After she had been exposed by Paul O’Sullivan and dismissed by the practice, Cora then embarked on a campaign against Darren, the nature of which provides insight into the absolute depravity and immorality of her nature.

She photoshopped a photograph of the Practices staff from the website, by extracting from the photograph pictures of Darren and his secretary Joan Burger. She then inserted a photograph of Joan’s baby between the two and the emailed that contrived image to Darren’s wife and to Joan’s husband with the message below the picture “You can ask Joan how much money Darren did gave her to have a baby and why”.

The allegations were obviously false but intended to ruin Darren and Joan’s marriages, and she knew that Joan was especially vulnerable as she had struggled to conceive for years which had caused marital stresses which were only starting to abate after she finally did manage to conceive and have the child. I attach Joan’s application to court in which she successfully obtained a protection order against Cora and Darren did likewise.

Upon the say-so of such a depraved and dishonest person, did the Law Society (after it had been hijacked by Discovery and its attorneys) rely on the contrived and malicious striking application against us!

I understand that Mr O’Sullivan is considering pressing charges against van der Merwe, Beamish and Millar, as they were all complicit in the fabricated kidnapping charges laid against him, and which apart from his enormous legal costs, effectively destroyed his business.

I told you that we had been denied an opportunity of being heard and

of filing opposing affidavits to the malicious and dishonest striking application brought against us by the Discovery controlled Law Society.

I attach our application seeking a short postponement within which to enable our attorney John Cameron to secure the services of a forensic auditor, in order to rebut the false and contrived allegations by a junior Law Society employee - Ashwin Reddy - who had inspected the firms records, and only those files where Millar had attacked the Practices Law Society compliant common law fee agreements.

We tendered any costs which would be occasioned by the postponement, and despite the fact that there could not be the slightest conceivable prejudice to anyone, as we had been suspended from Practice by virtue of the Discovery/Graham application, were resident in Australia with no access to the Practices files or bank accounts , we were summarily refused that short postponement.

We instructed John Cameron to appeal our default striking and he lodged an appropriate notice, however by then our Israeli life savings had been frozen, depriving us of funds to run the appeal, and John had to withdraw the application for leave to appeal whilst specifically recording that the only reason was due to lack of funds to pursue same.

I attach the notice of withdrawal of the application for leave to appeal.

How does one describe the actions of what is supposed to be a professional body of integrity, when describing the **deliberate concealment of the curators report, and which totally and completely absolves us and our partner Bezuidenhout of any misappropriation whatsoever, and which rebutted and exposed the dishonesty of Reddy's allegation in his report that " the firm poses a risk to the Fidelity Fund"!**?

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any

clarification of any issue or would like to discuss anything.

The latest concerted media attacks on us by Beamish and his cronies in South Africa and now extending to Sydney, is directly intended to try and make it impossible for us to try and rebuild our shattered lives.

I just received a communication from a friend telling me that Discovery's Katz is already boasting how "they" have arranged for the Sydney Morning Herald to defame us, and the friend forwarded me a copy from Katz's twitter page showing that he follows you.

They also informed me that Graeme Hosken who did not allow himself to be confused by the facts as conveyed to him by our attorney during two one hour plus discussions, and in telephone discussions with Darren and I also lasting an hour each, publishing a blatantly false, malicious and defamatory attack on us in South Africa's Sunday Times last week, has yesterday remarked to someone known to them that he is looking forward to the contents of his article being published in Australia!

Colleagues of mine in South Africa have volunteered to institute defamation proceedings on contingency against Hosken, Beamish and Millar in South Africa, and we are considering it.

I have also been in discussions with a Sydney Law Firm, with regards to instituting legal proceedings against Discovery's business operations in Melbourne and Sydney given that Discovery has caused us to lose our R100million Practice, our profession and worst of all our good names. The firm concerned routinely acts on contingency and has achieved a number of landmark victories.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to assist us in publishing the fact that we are wholly innocent of any wrongdoing, that the Interpol notices were issued on the basis of fraudulent and fabricated allegations, and that we have been victims of an unprecedented vendetta by a multi billion dollar public company whose decades of institutionalised defrauding of its members was inadvertently exposed by us.

Finally I attach my CV, from which you will note that I have devoted much of my life to serving the legal profession, providing access to justice for disadvantaged persons in South Africa and also served the public interest by way of decades of unpaid service every week as a commissioner of small claims courts, for twelve years on my own live talk radio and legal show which I provide legal advice, followed by responding to the hundreds of emails I received weekly, teaching students at the University of the Witwatersrand legal aid clinic as also providing legal advice to indigent members of the public at the clinic.

An issue had and continues to give me enormous satisfaction was that I was instrumental in causing a challenge to the a heartless amendment to the Road Accident Fund Act, which removed the right to private health care from all road accident victims, successfully brought by the Law Society of South Africa and SAAPIL in the Constitutional Court.

Given the total collapse of South Africa's public health system and the absence of any meaningful facilities for brain injured and spinal cord road accident victims, absent private health care hundreds of thousands of South Africans who sustained serious injuries in road accidents would have died or lived out their lives in pain and suffering.

I can let you have copies of the application and the judgement but which is also available online on the SAAFLI website under Law Society of South Africa v Minister of Transport 2008, Constitutional Court of South Africa.

As I mentioned to you yesterday my decades of leading the professions successful opposition to relentless efforts by government intended to deprive road accident victims of fair compensation and also to exclude any meaningful role for attorneys within the road accident fund scheme; has led to a significant political agenda against me.

This agenda has become obvious by way of frequent and ongoing public attacks on me in the media, by successive ministers of transport and a literal procession of CEO's of the Road Accident Fund who have come and gone as in a game of musical chairs.

During and after the departure of a number the CEO's were exposures of how they had corruptly handed out multi million rand contracts to friends and family, entered into corrupt business relationships while still in office as CEO of the RAF, with outside entities, and shortly thereafter resigning so as to benefit from such corrupt relationships. I can let you have full details of this if required.

The situation has become so bad that the latest minister of transport has taken direct control of the road accident fund having dismissed its controlling board and not replaced its last corrupt CEO, and who was directly involved in the Graham / Discovery application against us and the Law Society, Dr Eugene Watson.

I have been advised that the attacks on us by the NPA and the Hawks in concert with Discovery, includes a significant political agenda and that I have received reliable reports that persons within the Hawks and NPA have complained of pressure which has been and continues to be brought upon them from "high up".

The Practice has an unequalled and proud record that never once in its forty two years of Practice, and in a contentious area of Practice was there ever a single finding of unprofessional conduct against any of its directors, being myself, Darren and Bezuidenhout.

A letter issued by the Law Society in February 2013, prior to its hijacking by Discovery is attached.

Regards

Ronald Bobroff

