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Supreme Court Rules in Favour of the Integrity Commission in Contempt Proceedings Against Julie Malcolm

August 12, 2025- The Supreme Court has ruled in favour of the Integrity Commission in an application for contempt of court order brought against Ms. Julie Malcolm. The Court determined that Ms. Malcolm had violated a prior order issued by the Honourable Justice A. Lawrence-Grainger on August 16, 2023, and was therefore in contempt of court. As a consequence, she has been ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000 within ten (10) days of being served with the order, or serve a term of twenty-one (21) days' imprisonment in default of payment.

The contempt proceedings followed an earlier legal warning issued to Ms. Malcolm, who continuously published defamatory statements on various social media platforms about the Commission. On July 21, 2023, the Commission filed a Claim Form against Ms. Malcolm seeking damages, aggravated and/or exemplary damages, interest, cost and such further relief or other relief as the court deems just. On August 2, 2023, a Notice of Application for Court Orders, supported by an affidavit, was filed seeking injunctions to:

- require the Defendant, her servants, and/or agents to remove all posts from Twitter, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, and other social media platforms relating to the Commission and allegations of corruption; and
- restrain the Defendant, her servants, and/or agents from uploading, publishing, or otherwise communicating the subject posts, or any words of the same or similar content, on Twitter, Facebook, or any other social media platform.

Following non-compliance with the Court's order, the Integrity Commission filed a Notice of Application for Contempt of Court on February 18, 2025. The application sought several remedies, including a formal declaration of contempt, an acknowledgement of the breach, committal to prison, legal costs, and any further relief deemed appropriate by the Court.

The Commission welcomes the Court's ruling, which reinforces the significance of upholding compliance with court directives. This ruling underscores the Court's firm stance on enforcing compliance with its directives and the serious consequences of defiance.

For more information, click the link below to access the full ruling:

<https://integrity.gov.jm/sites/default/files/Integrity%20Commission%20et%20al%20v%20Julie%20Malcolm%20%281%29.pdf>

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