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Deputy District Judge Greenfield
Brighton County Court
BY HAND

Dear Mr Greenfield

Colin Bennett v Brighton & Hove City Council Claim Number: 5BN03502

I have to hand the Notice of Hearing for 18 November 2005 and also a copy of the Order that you made on 9 September 2005. I wish to point out that I will have a little difficulty in meeting the date of 7 October 2005 set out in your Order. This is because I suffered a heart attack on 12 September 2005 and was then admitted to the RSCH whence I was discharged on 21 September 2005. Please see attached copy of the discharge form as evidence of this. I shall be able to continue with the case although I am ordered not overtax myself in the next few months. I am anxious to assure you that the stress from the Court case mentioned in that form was not caused in any way by yourself. The hearing before you was stress-free. It so happened that in that very Court room some years ago a saddistic judge destroyed the life of me and my children and it all came back to me that afternoon. I hope to meet RNID staff this weekend when they attend the Labour Party Conference and that I can begin to adhere to your Order. I think I will only be a week or so late for the deadline of 7 October 2005 and probably will not be late for the other deadlines of 4 November and 18 November 2005.

Yesterday my friend telephoned Deborah Jones (she was in Court on 9 September 2005) of the Council's legal staff. She was on leave but my friend spoke to Sian X who took the message. I think it would be reasonable for the Council to understand my situation and agree to a delay of a week or so in obeying the Order. You are aware that it was my inclination to get this matter sorted out as soon as possible.

I shall get a copy of this letter delivered to King's House no later than 5.00 pm on 26 September 2005.

Yours sincerely
Colin B Bennett