

Correspondance with Stewarts Law LLP *(in chronological order)*.

Wednesday 3rd April - *Shrimpers Trust to Stewarts*

Tim,

Apologies if you are not the correct person to send this to, please pass on if necessary.

I refer to the Winding Up petition that Stewarts have instigated against Southend United (as below) and would comment as follows.

As the "UK's largest litigation-only law firm with more than 400 staff, including 80 partners." You must obviously be aware that should your action succeed that you will end up without your debt being paid and a community without a football club. This seems somewhat at odds with "We strive for excellence in all that we do. This includes not just our cutting-edge approach to litigation, it extends to our responsibilities as an employer and to the wider community."

Logic suggests that your action is designed to jump the creditors queue, do you think all things considered that this is reasonable?

You know full well that the current owner can/will not pay you, therefore you are presumably gambling on the fact that the incoming consortium will pay. This consortium consists of a group of people who have so far spent nearly 3 million pounds trying to rescue a football club they do not own. I would say they deserve a fair amount of credit.

Bearing in mind you have represented Southend United in court, pleaded for time, commented on the community and its assets, I would imagine any presiding judge might find your actions somewhat of a conflict.

The Shrimpers Trust is owed a significant amount of money by the football club and is waiting patiently for the conclusion of the land transaction that will enable the new owners to take over and settle debts – I would suggest that you reconsider your position.

I have for good order copied the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Sport, Tourism, Heritage and Civil Society who has shown great interest in our plight our local MP and our council leader, who have spent a considerable amount of time helping save our club.

Before we make our thoughts more widely known, I would welcome your views and am happy to talk at any time, however we urge you to withdraw support for the petition and allow the sale process to go through without legal distraction'

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Southend United Football Club Limited (The)
Feb. 23, 2024

Case Information	Parties & Representatives	Timeline
Case Number CR-2024-001132	Company	
Court/List Companies Petition - Winding Up Petition	1. Southend United Football Club Limited (The)	Litigant in Person
Inferred Case Status Active	Petitioner	
Last case activity: 28 Feb 2024	1. Stewarts Law LLP	Stewarts

Regards,

Paul FitzGerald
Trust Chairman

Thursday 4th April - Shrimpers Trust to Stewarts

Tim,

I am disappointed not to have heard back from you regarding case CR-2024-001132. I did not receive an out of office so I assume you are working, but it is possible of course you are away for Easter.

Bearing in mind the circumstances and the importance of swift action, I have taken the liberty of copying in some of your colleagues in the hope someone will be able to respond.

In terms of timing, if I have not heard back from Stewarts by COB today we will be issuing a press release on this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you today.

Regards,

Paul FitzGerald
Trust Chairman

Thursday 4th April – Stewarts to Shrimpers Trust

Dear Mr FitzGerald,

Thank you for your emails of below.

We do not comment on on-going legal proceedings.

Kind regards,

Tim Symes
Partner

Thursday 4th April – Shrimpers Trust to Stewarts

Tim,

Thank you for responding.

I would comment as follows.

Your X/Twitter page is fairly active and does include comment on on-going legal proceedings.

That said, I do not expect you to divulge any details of your dispute with Southend United, I did not ask for that, but as a fellow creditor we are concerned that your case will prejudice our position on top of the other considerations previously mentioned.

I am talking to journalists later today and we'll have a press release ready to go, if something a little more useful does not turn up from Stewarts by COB today

Regards

Paul FitzGerald

The following are the email addresses at Stewarts Law that our correspondence was sent to:

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