



Appeal number: CA.2021.0013

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER
(CHARITY)

MERMAIDS

Appellant

v

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

First
Respondent

And

THE TRUSTEES OF LGB ALLIANCE

Second Respondent

DIRECTIONS

FURTHER TO THE PARTIES' AGREED REQUEST FOR A REVISED HEARING
DATE MADE ON 24 MARCH 2022

IT IS DIRECTED THAT

1. This appeal is listed to be determined at a 6-day hearing in London on 9-16 September 2022.
2. All issues in dispute between the parties are to be determined by the Tribunal following a final hearing.
3. Paragraphs 9 onwards of the Order of Tribunal Judge Lynn Griffin dated 4 March 2022 shall no longer apply and are replaced by the further directions set out below. The paragraph numbers are preserved for ease of reference.

Witness statements

4.-8. [complied with]

Agreed bundle of documents

9. The Parties are to use their best endeavours to agree the contents of a bundle of documents for the Tribunal hearing in accordance with the arrangements set out below:

a.-c. [complied with]

d. A consolidated electronic version of the bundle is to be prepared by Mermaids and forwarded to the Respondents by 5pm on 1 July 2022.

Lodging of bundles with the Tribunal

10. A final version of the hearing bundle, to include any witness statements and any exhibits, is to be prepared by Mermaids. The bundle will be provided by electronic means only and will be with the Tribunal no later than 5pm on 2 September 2022.

Skeleton arguments

11. Statements of Case (skeleton arguments) are to be dealt with as follows:

a. On or before 15 July 2022, Mermaids will send its skeleton argument to the other parties and the Tribunal.

b. On or before 29 July 2022, the Respondents will send their skeleton arguments to the other parties and the Tribunal.

12. The Parties are to use their best endeavours to agree a proposed reading list for the Tribunal, a chronology, a schedule of agreed facts and a list of issues to assist the Tribunal, as follows:

a. the Appellant shall serve a first draft of these documents with its skeleton argument;

b. the Respondents shall confirm, when filing their skeleton arguments, the extent to which the Appellant's drafts are agreed;

c. to the extent that they have been agreed, these documents must be sent to the Tribunal on or before 2 September 2022.

Bundle of authorities and statutory materials

13. The Parties are to use their best endeavours to agree a bundle of authorities and statutory materials. The authorities bundle must contain only those authorities specifically referred to in the skeleton arguments. The Appellant is

to send a final electronic copy of the authorities bundle to the other parties, and lodge it by electronic means with the Tribunal, by no later than 5pm on 2 September 2022.

Preliminary issue

14. At the substantive hearing on 9 – 16 September 2022 the Tribunal will determine, as a preliminary issue, whether the Second Respondent should be as currently averred, or should instead be 'LGB Alliance'.

Time estimate and dates to avoid

- 15.-16. [complied with]

Tribunal Judge Lynn Griffin

5 April 2022