They Do Lie – And How

First of all a couple of definitions:

Lie	Something you say that you know is not true.
Deceit	An act of keeping the truth hidden, especially to get an advantage.

We have to trust them; we have no option; our solicitors and barristers that is. It is common knowledge that barristers weave intricate deceits in order to try and win their case in court for their client. There is a strong argument that suggests that their job is to deceive, but maybe stopping a little short of crossing the line labelled, 'lie'.

What they say in court is one thing and this essay is not only about the rights and wrongs of the destructive painters during their formal role in court but also about the trust between solicitor/barrister and the client.

If I explain the nature of a clever barrister's devious presentation in court, most people will be disgusted but not surprised. However, if I explain the lies and deceit of a solicitor or a barrister towards their own client, the vast majority of people will be shocked, incredulous, disbelieving. The ordinary man on the street, like me, who had never encountered legal professionals before is left numbed by the extent of the lies, deceit and dishonesty that is at the core of our justice system.

My first taste of the deceit of solicitors came at the hands of NCR's solicitors, Taylor, Joynson, Garrett (TJG), when I allowed myself to be interviewed on 31st August 1999 without legal representation. I trusted them to be honest, after all, TJG were 'big fish' in the legal world. The minutes to this meeting were distributed two and a half months later, in mid November 1999, after a great deal of further activity had taken place in the case. The minutes purporting to be of our meeting of 31st August bore no relation to what had been discussed and agreed at the meeting. What could I do about this deceit? There were three of 'them' and only one of 'me' at the meeting. There was nobody else to question why it took so long to prepare and distribute the minutes. The reality was that these minutes were a part of my entrapment by TJG in their plans to take a civil action to achieve a Joint and Several judgement. The minutes were a part of the deceit.

I sat in the High Court for three days without saying a word. I sat and watched in a disbelieving trauma as NCR's barrister painted the picture of a conspiracy between Buchanan and me to conspire to steal money from NCR. I was the fall guy. I was being well and truly stitched up.

TJG (later Taylor Wessing) displayed on many occasions after this their propensity to tell lies. One of the most unsettling was the advice of David de Ferrars during our meeting on

2nd September 2009, that the charge on my home had been transferred to Teradata. It was a destructive lie that caused so much stress that I submitted a complaint against David de Ferrars to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). It was a waste of time. He simply lied to the SRA and they believed him and not me.

In 2011, I had the case of Stephens Scown, solicitors representing me when my wife started action through the courts to gain an Occupation Order to move back into my house. Stephens Scown raised fraudulent invoices in order to 'prove' that they had made a number of important phone calls that they hadn't made. The solicitor, Kris Seed, followed by the senior partner, Guy Curry, told lies upon lies in order to put up a smokescreen. On this occasion I won my case through the Legal Ombudsman (LeO).

Then we have Urmilla Seenath of Bowling & Co and Richard Tambling of 1 Garden Court Chambers, the original solicitor and barrister in my divorce case. The gross incompetence of Urmilla Seenath led to a stream of protectionist deceit and lies from David Downham, the senior partner at Bowling & Co with responsibility for smokescreens.

My barrister, Richard Tambling, deceived the Court and covered up his deceit with so many, many lies. Following my complaint to 1 Garden Court Chambers, I received deceitful smokescreens from both Howard Rayner, the senior clerk and Alison Ball QC.

Despite so much deceit and lies, the LeO and the SRA always appear (in my experience) to believe the solicitor or barrister over the true honest complaint by the consumer. Solicitors and barristers appear to be accountable to no one and no body. They can lie and deceive and they know that they can get away with it. They know the protection they have and they display the arrogance of the untouchable.

For reasons beyond my understanding, our judges seem to trust them all to be honest. A Judge will simply not countenance the fact that a Court has been deceived; after all it brings into question the issue of the integrity of the justice system.

We have to trust them but so many of them are untrustworthy. The very nature of the world they live in makes it so. It is a life of deceit and distortions, of fighting for your client no matter about the truth, of twisting facts and hiding reality.

Because we simply have to trust them it is not acceptable for them to be exposed when they lie. So once they have lied and you expose their lie, they will do anything to discredit your claim. They will tell more and more lies to you, they will lie to the Legal Ombudsman and they will lie to the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

When you have never been involved in the justice system you are simply not prepared for the extent of the evil you are going to find. I am an honest, hard working trustworthy man and I have been devastated time and time again by the evils that lurk within our injustice system.

Our injustice system appears to be driven almost totally by deception.