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To: pmonahan@mrlaw.com.au
cc: Marita Wright/CCI@CCI
Subject: Ellis matter - 2372019 / pjm 40492

Dear Patrick

I have forwarded you a copy of Peter Rush's email to Danny Casey (Business manager) at the Sydney Archdiocese to keep in you in the loop.

The impetus was a discussion i had with Howard Harrison this morning about several Christian Brother claims. Howard then expressed some concern at the Cardinal's and Corrs' approach to fighting these claims 'tooth and nail' .

Howard was considering sending a letter to the Cardinal (on behalf) of the Brothers' advising him of their concern if they were to loose a case, it would set an unwarranted precedent that would have a huge impact on the current settlement of claims in NSW.

I sent an email to Peter Rush advising him of Howards concern and pulled the Ellis file to check when we were last advised by Corrs.

I have attached the last advice from Corrs dated 12 May 2005.

Looking back through the file, it would seem unlikely Ellis would be granted and exemption considering Fr Duggan was deceased and we are prejudiced in the matter to run a fair trial.

Could you please review the last advice from Corrs and seek an update from Corrs on the current state of affairs. Could you also please provide any alternative strategy to the current proposal by Corrs.

I understand that the date of the hearing was 27 July and is set down for three days.

Could you find out if the hearing is currently on foot?

Regards

Joe Bucci

Peter Rush

29/07/2005 02:43 PM

To: danny.casey@ado.syd.catholic.org.au
cc: (bcc: Joseph Bucci/CCI)
Subject: Agreement with the Archdiocese

Hi, Danny, I hope you are well.

I am just chasing up a re-draft of the proposed agreement between the Archdiocese and CCI (and Corrs) on the handing of Special Issues and other significant claims. When our meeting concluded, I believe that Corrs were going to consider the points which we had discussed and come back to you / us with a further proposal.

Have you heard anything since then about progress?

I understand from my claims folk that there are a couple of matters which Corrs are progressing and we do not appear to have been kept 'in the loop', as the tenor of the meeting suggested we would be. Again, I don't want to make a big issue of it but do wish to make the point that we must be involved in the decision making process on the management of files if the Archdiocese expects to be fully protected by its insurance cover. As I pointed out at that meeting, I do not wish to have the situation arise where CCI is considered as an afterthought when matters are finally settled.

I hope you are able to assist me.

Regards,
Peter

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