

SOUTH AFRICA / JUDGMENT

JL Unique Solutions (Pty) Ltd and Another v E Media Investments (Pty) Ltd and Others (2024/150153) [2025] ZAGPJHC 58 (28 January 2025) [2025] ZAGPJHC 58

COURT

South Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg

BEFORE

GC Wright

CASE / FILE NUMBER

2024/150153

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

GAUTENG DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG

CASE NO: 2024/150153

1. Reportable: No
2. Of interest to other judges: No
3. Revised

28 January 2025

WRIGHT J

JL UNIQUE SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD

First Applicant

(Registration Number: 2022/387458/07)

TYRONE CHETTY

Second Applicant

(Identity Number: 8[...])

and

E MEDIA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

First Respondent

DEVI SANKAREE-GOVENDER

Second Respondent

THE HAWKS

Third Respondent

THE INDEPENDENT POLICE INVESTIGATION Fourth Respondent

DIRECTORATE (IPID)

AGENT 9 - ALLEGED ETHICAL HACKER Fifth Respondent

MRVW

- ALLEGED ETHICAL HACKER

Sixth Respondent

GOOGLE SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD

Seventh Respondent

GOOGLE INCORPORATED

Eighth Respondent

YOUTUBE LLC

Ninth Respondent

THE BROADCASTING COMPLAINTS

Tenth Respondent

COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA (BCCSA)

JUDGMENT

WRIGHT J

1. The 1st applicant company and the 2nd applicant man who is the moving force behind the first applicant seek urgently, in effect, an order that the 1st and 2nd respondents, EMedia and the Ms Sankaree -Govender remove certain allegations from all their social platforms. Related relief is sought.
2. The applicants say that they are defamed in the programme. They say that they assist persons who have been defrauded by scamming. They say that the programme aired defames them as it accuses them of being the scammers themselves.

3. The programme was first aired as long ago as 27 October 2024. The present application was served on 30 December 2024.
4. On 7 January 2025, the attorney for 1st and 2nd respondents wrote to the applicants' attorney inviting the latter to withdraw the application as "the horse had bolted" and that the applicants' had waited over two months before launching the application.
5. On 8 January 2025, the applicants' attorney had replied saying that the matter was urgent.
6. On 14 January 2025, the attorney for the 1st and 2nd applicants sent a fresh invitation to the applicants' attorney along similar lines to the letter of 7 January 2025.
7. In my view, any urgency is self created.
8. Costs are sought on a punitive scale by some of the respondents and personally against the applicants' attorney by 1st and 2nd respondents.

ORDER

1. Struck off.
2. Costs reserved. -

GC Wright

Judge of the High Court

Gauteng Division, Johannesburg

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