

**Mrs. A. P. Dickson**

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Home Phone

8<sup>th</sup> January 2000

Complaint

Legal Aid Board  
Liverpool Area Office  
Cavern Walk  
8 Mathew Street  
Liverpool L2 6RL

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Legal Aid No GELCGAPY3440/A/1/2 Myself v Bradford & Bingley Building Society**

I was surprised to discover from my acting solicitors, that the Legal Aid Board would not be prepared to pay for a forensic report in relation to the above numbered case.

As you are aware the basis of my case against the Defendant is the belief that they have fraudulently compiled a mortgage account in my name and that I have the legal right to an independent examination of that account.

Following the Defendants Appeal against the Order of District Judge Turner, a court hearing was scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1999. At the request of District Judge Turner a Chancery Judge was to examine the evidence. It was for this hearing that I was informed by my solicitors that the Legal Aid Board would not be prepared to pay the cost of a forensic analysis and report in my case.

The scheduled hearing was subsequently heard before Chancery Judge Maddox who has deferred his judgement in order to examine the evidence. In my opinion, the said evidence should have been accompanied by a supportive forensic report.

Prior to the hearing, we were informed by Grant Thornton Accountants that a report could be provided at a cost of between £500.00 and £750.00 and that there were serious discrepancies within the Defendants accounts which warranted explanation. My solicitor was duly informed

Clearly Judge Turner's request for a Chancery Judge was indicative of the need for a forensic analysis of my evidence and also that the issues to be raised were monetary. I am concerned that the deprivation of such supportive evidence could have an adverse affect on the outcome of my case.

As I may yet require such support for future court hearings I would appreciate your comments regarding my position as a legally aided litigant.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. A. P. Dickson

Please note new address above.



**LEGAL AID BOARD**  
**Liverpool Area Office**

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MRS ANNE DICKSON

LA Case Reference  
GILCGAPY3440/AL/2

Date 11/01/2000

Your Ref

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 8 January, I have amended our records to show your new address.

As you have moved, I will be sending under separate cover some forms to review your means, please complete the forms in accordance with the instructions and return them within the time limit set out in the letter.

With regard to your complaint I can find no trace under the above reference number of a formal application for prior authority, to obtain a forensic report, being refused by the Area Office.

Your solicitor would have had to make such an application by submitting form App 6 to this office.

I note from the limitation on your certificate that your solicitor can incur any disbursements that he thinks are reasonable in accordance with any limitation imposed on the certificate.

In this case your solicitors can obtain a forensic report, without the Board's prior authority but they would have to justify the cost on taxation, of their costs to the court

The Board will pay what ever the court will allow.

If you have any further queries please contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

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Paul Doran  
SNR CASEWORKER AREA 15A