

Extract from 16th July 09 Cardiff Crown Court Transcripts

His Honour Judge Cooke QC presiding

THE RECORDER: You will understand that I am a man who prides himself on patience and humanity and I am in no way, shape or form biased against him. Particularly not in the context of a case which turns on fine points as to whether a weapon dating from The Great War is a firearm within the meaning of the Act or not. But, of course, Mr Kirk may object to me having anything to do with his case. I, therefore, put all of that on the record. It is then a matter for him to make such points through his lawyers or by himself as he wishes to make.

I order a transcript of this hearing so that he is not disadvantaged and, of course, the prosecution can help me as to whether or not I should recuse myself or not. There are considerable difficulties, given Mr Kirk's website, in my identifying judges who have not been attacked thereon. Most of them, I should think, like me, treat Mr Kirk as an attention-seeker who is his own worst enemy and are not biased against him because of what he says about us.

That is my view and I do not feel that a concerned bystander would feel he would not get a fair hearing from me. But, at the end of the day, it is what Mr Kirk thinks that we would have to listen to. I think that sums up my position.