

Press Release

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The Love Story of Harmon & Carolyn Dare Wilfred:

Starting in Toronto on Monday 27th February, a seven-day hearing is scheduled for the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (commercial list). Case # CV-15-11001-00CL

Carolyn Dare Wilfred, one of the three siblings who inherited the Dare Foods business, is suing her two brothers, Bryan and Graham Dare, for their oppression of her as a minority shareholder. If it makes it to court, the public will be able to gain a behind-the-scenes peep into the cookie empire's shenanigans and a sorry tale of greed's triumph over family loyalties and Canadian business ethics.

To understand the background to the story – here is a brief summary:

Canadian business leader and family magnate, Carl Dare, who passed away two years ago, left his iconic company to his three children. Subsequently, he disinherited his daughter because she refused to leave the man she had deeply fallen in love with and married. Although it was too late to undo the pre-marital share allocation, the brothers, following their father's wishes, have done all in their power to deny their sister any benefit from her shareholding (probably worth around C\$50 million.)

Carl Dare objected to Carolyn's American husband, Harmon Wilfred. Harmon had blown the whistle on a CIA and Bill Clinton money laundering scam. In retaliation and to discredit his story, Harmon was expertly and corruptly branded as a criminal by the US in 1998. Subsequently, in fear of their lives, the couple fled to New Zealand.

Looking behind the legal façade of the formal hearing at the Toronto Superior Court, there is an incredible story of love's triumph over adversity, such as few couples have ever had to face. It is the story of Harmon Wilfred, stateless in New Zealand and now forcibly separated from Carolyn for over 17 months; a man too honest for his own good, put (and still being put) through hell by corrupt authorities in the USA and NZ, and only surviving that hell thanks to the love and staunch support of his Canadian wife.

I am dismayed by the treatment the Wilfred's have received at the hands of so-called democratic governments, and trust that the Canadian legal system is less vulnerable to outside pressures and corruption than the USA has proved to be.

If anyone, who reads this press release, wishes to know more of the background prior to the court hearing, they are welcome to contact the writer. I have written several articles on the subject – all of which are too long to include in a press release. My name is Hugh Steadman, British born but now a New Zealand citizen and resident, I am a friend and business partner of the Wilfreds.

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