

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND & WALES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIST (ChD)

Claim No: IL-2021-000019

B E T W E E N :

CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE

Claimant

-and-

DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT

Defendant

WITNESS STATEMENT OF
PROFESSOR RICHARD GERLACH

I, Richard Gerlach of [REDACTED], will say as follows:

1. I am a Professor of Business Analytics at the University of Sydney, Business School. My research interests lie mainly in financial econometrics and time series.
2. Before joining the University of Sydney, I was a lecturer in statistics at the University of Newcastle, Australia until December 2005.
3. I have been shown two documents which have the following ID numbers: 000073 and 000077. I was asked to provide my impressions about the front pages and the main content.
4. In terms of the front pages, they are roughly consistent with the style of official assessment front pages that I remember from Newcastle, especially the use of blue colour (e.g. blue text) and greyed out boxes. It is too long ago for me to assess e.g. their legitimacy or accuracy. The documents are both dated to 2005 during the period I was at the University of Newcastle and they both have my name as the Lecturer/Tutor.
5. Document ID 000073 says on the front page that it relates to STAT6640. I don't recognise it. I don't recall teaching that unit, the area is outside my expertise, and the questions are not in my style at all; as such I strongly doubt I wrote or marked that assessment.
6. Document ID 000077 says on the front page that it relates to STAT2020. I taught the statistics course STAT2020 regularly at Newcastle. Also, I collected the dataset 'tomscars' myself (referred to in Question 2 on page 10) and regularly used it in assessments and teaching material. I'd say this document looks exactly like my style of assessment, for maths-heavy units like STAT2020. I'd say there is a very high chance I wrote that assessment. (I can't be 100% sure from 18 years ago).

7. The name on the front page, Craig Wright, rings a vague bell for me. I do remember some names of students, especially senior ones as those in the Master of Statistics course. However it is a common name and I couldn't say for sure if I remember a student at Newcastle by that name, though it is possible. It could literally be from anywhere else too.

Declaration

I understand that the purpose of this witness statement is to set out matters of fact of which I have personal knowledge. I understand that it is not my function to argue the case, either generally or on particular points, or to take the court through the documents in the case. This witness statement sets out only my personal knowledge and recollection, in my own words.

On points that I understand to be important in the case, I have stated honestly (a) how well I recall matters and (b) whether my memory has been refreshed by considering documents, if so how and when.

I have not been asked or encouraged by anyone to include in this statement anything that is not my own account, to the best of my ability and recollection, of events I witnessed or matters of which I have personal knowledge. I believe the facts stated in this statement are true. I understand that proceedings

for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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Dated: 24/11/2023