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A fractious hearing today!

Counsel accused of "a charade, a game"; counter-claims "a tactical move".

We've had "my learned friend is simply wrong..." and "my learned friend has misrepresented my position".

Judge says "I can't give this case very much more of my time".

Judicial eyebrows were raised: "this debate is becoming increasingly unedifying" he says, as parties "have locked horns".

Judge limits witness statements to 15 pages. They are now talking about fonts: "you can get about 30% more on the page with Aerial narrow".

Judge says 12 point Times Roman. And double spaced.

Stands out because this sort of behaviour is very rare in the Court of Protection!

This is what adversarial looks like. Hackles bristling at every turn.

Thank goodness we are (mostly) inquisitorial in the [#NotSecretCourt](https://twitter.com/NotSecretCourt)

Judge interrupts submissions: "You don't need to trouble me any further on this; perhaps you'd like to move on" + "Mr X. I've got the point".

Advocate asks permission to appeal. Counsel for other party theatrically puts head in hands, elbows on desk + shakes head in disbelief.

Application to appeal refused.

Next hearing in this case is heading for DJ Batten with a limit of 175 pages of essential pre-reading. (Counsel: "does that include position statements?" - Yes).

As judge ended the hearing they were still arguing about costs.

