

**Appendix 11**

**Extract of the Appeal Court Judgment by Chief Justice Joseph Azzopardi,  
Judge Joseph Micallef and Judge Tonio Mallia**

**in the Case 1136/2015 of**

**Robert Hornyold-Strickland v Allied Newspapers Ltd and The Strickland Foundation  
in the Contentious Court on 31/1/2019.**

As the universal heir of his aunt, Mabel Strickland, her documents and papers became Robert's documents and papers on her death and he has every right to ask for them whenever he wishes and to request that they be presented in court insofar as they are relevant to the case.

Whoever is in possession of these papers or documents may not dissipate his right of ownership by invoking the notion of professional secrecy. Contrary to a common misconception, professional confidentiality is not intended to protect lawyers but to protect their clients only.

The Court is of the understanding that the rules of procedure must be enforced to aid the case in question to move forward in the search for truth and that their understanding helps to achieve the necessary aims that nothing is concealed that is expedient to achieving those objectives.

The Contentious Court can decide on the relevance or not of any requested documentation

The Court accepted the appeal of Robert Hornyold-Strickland in full and ordered that his claim for the disclosure of sensitive documents be met.