

# Harewood 'relationship soured quickly'

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A TWENTY-YEAR business relationship between a Leeds stately home and a family of professional caterers soured over a few months following a row over alleged under-payments, a court heard.

Harewood House, owned by the Queen's cousin, is fighting what could become a million-pound lawsuit with Leeds events company Dine Catering Ltd. Harewood claims it is owed £23,000 in unpaid commission, but the catering firm

has put in a counter-claim for loss of earnings, believed to total around £330,000, after its 10-year contract to cater for weddings and other events in the grounds was terminated.

The firm is owned by Daniel Gill, who has worked with Harewood House for decades.

On the third day of the lawsuit yesterday, the High Court in Leeds heard the two parties had always conducted their business in a "gentlemanly fashion". However, things had never been clear cut and no formal contract ever signed.

Philip Nuttall, a chartered accountant employed by Daniel Gill, told the court the situation became "incredibly aggressive" quickly and when the row broke out, a previous non-binding "Heads of Agreement" was "thrown" at him as a basis of the contract.

The court had earlier heard the relationship between the two parties had broken down in 2008 when questions about "discrepancies" in payments were raised.

Proceeding

# Driver who racked up 59 offences finally gets sent to jail

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BRITAIN'S most prolific driving offender has finally been jailed after racking up an astonishing 59 offences in 28 years.

Thomas Feely, 50, of Dobson Avenue, Beeston, Leeds, broke the law again in November last year - just three days before he was due to be sentenced for another crime, Leeds Magistrates Court heard.

The mobile DJ was caught driving while disqualified and without insurance on Kirkstall Road, Leeds, on November 13. Prosecuting, Dianne Rawnsley said Feely was due in court three days later to face a similar charge from June 2009, for which he eventually received a 24-month suspended sentence.

She then told shocked magistrates that Feely had amassed a staggering 59 similar previous offences. Jailing Feely for five months.

