

Following are the comments that were alleged to impugn Mr Karam that were tabled in court. The right column refers to the paragraph in the judgment of Justice Courtney.

Comments that succeeded	Author		para
FB2		"Is it just me or does Karam have a thing for Dunedin crimes? Must be his new way to get legal aid money, after David's compensation is denied!!"	35
FB3		"I think jK is deluding himself - or looking for another campaign to run. Obviously the whole legal-aid gravy-train scenario proved to be so lucrative for him he's going to have another crack at it. Must think he's some kind of Sherlock Holmes (wanna-be that is). Boy, anything to be in the limelight!"	35
FB21		"Well Joe if "no one will ever know what really happened that day" it may help to read the evidence so that one could make a better informed conclusion. AND of course be honest with yourself when the evidence has been read instead of fighting on so that a guilty person walks free, 12 people have to live now knowing they made the wrong choice and millions of taxpayers dollars have been used to bring about an injustice!! Its one thing to get a person most likely to be guilty freed but to throw the blame for that persons crime onto an innocent man that cant defend himself is about as low as any person can sink. Shame on you!!! Joe, you know the truth as well as or maybe even more so than most people."	57
FB22	Kent	" I think this case is interesting because it involves two complex and fractured personalities: that of David Bain and Joe Karam, who have jointly conspired to create this circus out of the media and our justice system."	59
FB23		"I strongly believe Karam knows the truth. Once he had access to all trial documents and had talked with Guest he couldn't have had any doubt but he had already allowed himself to be seen as champion of the cause (photographed outside the Privy Council as the anonymous benefactor) and so couldn't bare to lose face. I wouldn't be surprised if that was the reason he "let Guest go" as legal advisor (Guest may have had more scruples than he has been credited with!) "	61
FB25		"Hey joe. If you read the evidence and are true to yourself your discover like I have that David Bain is guilty of murdering his family and Robin Bain is an innocent man. Joe, you got it wrong and a man that could kill again is walking the streets a free man all due to you."	65
FB26	Kent	"he [Joe Karam] should stick to opinion". Opinion about books	
FB30	Kent	"because of his extensive knowledge/obsession/tyrannous	72

		hold over the case.”	
FB38	Vic	“Any new book will only be about him so perhaps he should title it Mein Kampf”	76
CS4	Kent	“This site has been put together to counter the spin surrounding David Bain that has been publicly promoted by Joe Karam”	78
CS6	Kent	“Joe Karam ... has created an atmosphere of constant threat in the media which has had the effect of strangling constructive criticism of his campaign”	78
CS8	Kent	“Joe Karam made much of the computer turn on time and the bloody sock prints, but they are probably both red herrings”	83
CS10	Kent	“Karam enlisted experts from around the world to testify on technical aspects of the case and smudging what would have been otherwise incriminating evidence against David Bain.”	85
CS11	Kent	“With careful use of overseas experts, Karam was able to narrow the requirements of reasonable doubt to such an extent that even the most unlikely sequence of events is given a reasonable chance of occurring”	85
CS13	Kent	Paul Holmes obsession. Very strong opinion piece about Karam's propaganda, obsession, cult like personality	88
CS14	Kent	“ The result was a power of a lot of propaganda”	91
CS16	Kent	“empirical facts have been smudged and the door of reasonable doubt has been opened so wide that many now claim that Bain is innocent. Still published”	91
CS17	Kent	“If you promote a fallacy enough eventually you can make it a fact”	91
CS19	Bryan	Too long to reproduce	93
CS20		“Karam would do anything in his quest for a compensation handout”	95
CS36	Kent	“He describes Karam's uncompromising style, his penchant for 'obfuscating' the facts of the case and his tendency to play 'justice' like a game of rugby using the rules of the game to maximum advantage. ”	102
CS53	Kent	“Perhaps Joe's real gift lies in writing fiction”	106
CS60	Kent	“The only conclusion I can make is that he sought to bully and intimidate. What does this say about the man and his methods?”	109
CS61	Kent	“Prior to this I had always thought that, while excessive, Karam's legal aid reimbursements were absolutely clean and pure. Now the thought that this may not be the case has been well and truly established in my mind by Mr Karam himself and I am having difficulty removing it.”	109
CS69	Kent	“That book really should be in the fiction section”	117
CS70	Kent	“The objective of the site is simply to counter the spin that	119

		Joe Karam has supplied about the case.”	
CS71	Kent	“Now all of this is reminiscent of a product campaign: media appearances, books, pamphlets and Karam is an entrepreneur with a nose for a buck. He has used every trick in the book to try and lever a positive verdict out of this and along the way lined his pockets with various forms of royalites, legal aid payments and defamation suits . ”	121
CS75	Kent	“I might also add that the Defence team cooked up some story that Robin Bain was 'clinically depressed'. So Karam leapt upon this revelation to declare without grounds that Robin was clinically depressed. He has been reporting it in the press ever since when in fact it is quite false.”	127
CS83		“If you are in contact with the Privy Council, why not ask for some information on Mary McDonald/aka Parrot woman, is she still on "gardening leave" or has she been dismissed. It could be very interesting if this situation was related to the Bain case. She had a huge influence on the Law Lords, it almost seemed like she was the one who decided yes or no for the second trial. ”	129
CS84	Vic	“ I understand you not going there regarding the Parrot Lady Mike as if they (The PC) are replying to you and being cooperative you dont want to upset them. But I, as you know, do think her "gardening leave" (dismissal) does have something to do with this case. ”	130
CS94	Vic	“I still think that Parrot Lady has some answers!!! You know Lee? The PC advisor that disappeared after they had heard jk's case.OOPS sorry!! I mean db's case. “	144
CS97	Kent	“ In addition to the above, you might also go here to see how much money he has made out of the case. Essentially this is a career strand for him and the more he can draw in legal aid to fight his good fights the more he will continue. Apparently he is looking at another case in Dunedin. ”	148
CS110	Bryan	“I am sure you are JOE KARAM IN DRAG. That's the sort of preposterous crap I have been reading in his books (of fiction). ”	161
CS111	Bryan	“In fact Joe Karam has fed the public an absolute fiction by saying they were not able to get the evidence of incest in the first trial.”	162
TM16	Vic		174
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TM41	Vic		
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Comments that failed			para
FB4		Alleges no factual basis referred to for references to Karam "coming up" with the prostitute witnesses. It is known from his writings that these people contacted him personally but those facts were not included in this comment.	38
FB6A		Not true that Karam orchestrated AT's appearance at the retrial. There are no facts to support this as an opinion.	40
FB9	Gavin	Comparison with Goebbels, lack of framing as opinion and lack of supporting facts.	42
FB10	Ralph	ditto	42
FB11	Vic	Alleges no factual basis referred to for references to compensation and sharing of proceeds between Bain and Karam.	46
FB14		Alleges no factual basis referred to for references to compensation as reward and sharing between Bain and Karam.	49
FB15		Even though this is clearly an opinion alleges that there is no factual basis for the opinion despite the exact same opinion being successful in FB21 and FB23. There is plenty of evidence for why David Bain cannot be innocent, which explains why this person had this opinion.	51
FB16	Mike	This is not worded as an opinion. There is plenty of evidence for claims made by Karam not corresponding with known facts.	53
FB20	Vic	Alleges no factual basis referred to for references to compensation as reward, yet it is expressed as an opinion and there are plenty of supporting facts elsewhere in published material and other similar opinions were successfully defended such as FB21 and FB23.	55
FB24	Kent	Letter to school, expressed as an opinion but fails to provide all supporting facts. Because this is a letter and a complete document in its entirety, this is fair enough.	63
FB27	Kent	Tyranny of belief, facts and opinion with lack of supporting evidence	69
FB28	Kent	ditto	69
FB31	Vic	Even though this is clearly an opinion alleges that there is no factual basis for the opinion despite the exact same opinion being successful in FB21 and FB23	74
CS7	Kent	Reference to 50% agreement made in page 20 Of David and Goliath which Karam states no longer exists.	81
CS9	Kent	Lack of facts to support opinion, although these facts to do exist elsewhere in writings	85
CS21		Opinion about Karam's threats and manipulation of media with no supporting facts given.	97

CS25		On page 20 of David and Goliath Karam says he made an agreement to share half of all proceeds with David Bain. In the trial he testified that this agreement no longer stands.	99
CS26	Kent	ditto	99
CS39	Bryan	Opinion about obfuscating facts and blackening those who oppose him [Karam] with no supporting facts supplied.	104
CS41	Bryan	ditto	104
CS58	Bryan	“It is true that the hearsay evidence regarding Laniet’s alleged relationship with her father was omitted from the first trial, but there is more to the story than what Karam makes out.” What this refers to is the fact that if David Bain had been prepared to testify in the first trial that Laniet had been molested by her father, then that evidence could have been admissible.	106
CS65	Vic	Supporting facts about money not present, although other posts of similar nature are successful	111
CS66	Kent	Supporting facts about money not present, although other posts of similar nature are successful	111
CS67	Kent	Supporting facts about Karam use of defamation not present “Defamation law was brought in to stop papers from making just those very unfounded allegations that you describe so that people with a lot more merit than Joe Karam could defend themselves from false allegations. ”	115
CS72	Kent	No factual foundation for “misrepresenting evidence” or being motivated by money.	123
CS74		“Why the difference I asked myself. And just like Karam, I tried to fudge.” No factual foundation for “fudging”	125
CS85		“He also denied the incest between his father and Laniet, that was another accusation by JK with no real basis in truth.” The problem with this is that it is written as a statement of fact.	132
CS86	Kristin	“I know the cap fits the son, not the slandered father, and am firmly against Baino and BadKarmaKaram getting another cent of ill-gotten gains. thankyou j) ”	134
CS89	Vic		136
CS90	Kent	“They made their testimonies because they got paid to, and we understand many were paid fares to fly from the other side of the world to turn up for the trial, and oh, maybe do a bit of site seeing as well. That’s how the system works. Karam went through more than \$2 million of Legal Aid which gave him access to quite a bit of legal testimony.”	136
CS91	Kent	“Yes, and it is exactly the kind of person like Jane whom Karam intended to deceive through his presentation of the 'expert' Defence testimony. - Maybe 'deceive' is too strong a word. Anyway, in Jane's case ignorance is bliss. She is	136

		certainly an interesting example of the effectiveness of a good PR/propaganda campaign, the absolute antithesis of all the things that we should have in a good justice system”	
CS92	Kent	Failed due to statements (similar to other statements) made about Karam that were couched as fact rather than opinion and because supporting facts were not immediately available.	141
CS96	Kent	“Yes, Koch and Buckley's evidence was not heard by the court because Karam battled tooth and nail to get them suppressed because he wanted to maximize his chance of getting a not guilty verdict by suppressing as much of the evidence as possible. If Karam represented the truth, then there would have been no need to have this evidence suppressed. ”	146
CS98		Opinion about money as a motivating factor	151
CS105	Kent	“..all that demonstrates is that you are prone to a good bit of Karam's propaganda-ising. ”	153
CS106		Opinion about money with no backing evidence	153
CS107	Kent	“How would you like if I attacked your standard of work in whatever job you do with the full force of persuasive rhetoric and multiplie publications and media presentations? Do you think I will find that you make mistakes? Yes, definitely, I will. We all make mistakes. Joe Karam has made lots of mistakes but no one has as yet put it all up under the spotlight. Further how would you like it if I started saying unfounded and slanderous things about one of your dead relatives? Do you understand that if Robin was alive and the allegations of incest made against him were tested in a defamation court, that Karam would lose hands down? Because Robin is dead and you can't defend a dead person against defamation, then Karam has been able to promote hearsay as 'truth'. Obviously you are one of the many who has bought this story hook, line and sinker.” The judge, in her explanation misinterprets this paragraph. Promoting hearsay as truth here refers to the alelgation of incest against Robin. That is the hearsay, which is by fact hearsay, and is “second rate and unreliable.	157
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