

Neutral Citation Number: [2022] EWHC 748 (Ch)

Case No: BL-2017-000665

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

Royal Courts of Justice, Rolls Building
Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL

Date: 28 March 2022

Before :

Mr Justice Trower

Between :

JSC COMMERCIAL BANK PRIVATBANK

Claimant

- and -

KOLOMOISKY AND OTHERS

Defendants

Andrew Hunter QC, Robert Anderson QC, James Willan QC, Tim Akkouch QC, Christopher Lloyd, David Baker and Conor McLaughlin (instructed by Hogan Lovells International LLP) for the Claimant
Mark Howard QC, Michael Bools QC, Alec Haydon QC, Geoffrey Kuehne and Ben Woolgar (instructed by Fieldfisher LLP) for the First Defendant
Clare Montgomery QC, Matthew Parker QC, Nathaniel Bird and Alyssa Stansbury (instructed by Enyo Law LLP) for the Second Defendant
Thomas Plewman QC and Marc Delehanty (instructed by Pinsent Masons LLP) for the Third to Eighth Defendants

Hearing dates: 28th March 2022

JUDGMENT

Mr Justice Trower
(17:03pm)

Wednesday, 28th March 2022

Judgment by **MR JUSTICE TROWER**

1. Thank you, Mr Plewman.
2. As I indicated at the beginning of this hearing, I am not going to give judgment straightaway, but I am going to explain what I have decided very briefly. I have decided that for a number of interlinked reasons (relied on by the defendants severally and together) the trial should be adjourned. Some of those reasons would plainly not justify making a decision now that the case due to start in June should be adjourned but, taken in the round and looked at together, their cumulative effect is such that I am satisfied that it can now be seen that it is not possible to have a fair trial starting at the beginning of June. So for reasons I will develop, to be delivered hopefully later on this week, I propose to direct that the June date be vacated.
3. There has been discussion during the course of the hearing about the length of the adjournment. In my view, the parties should attend on the listing officer straight away, and my understanding is that it should be possible to fix an adjourned trial commencing in June next year.
4. (5.05 pm)