



Introduction

Mr Ethical – A tale of Fraud and Corruption is the story of one man’s experience in trying to expose industrial scale fraud by a bank (HSBC) and its lawyers, and his attempts to obtain redress for the victims. The story covers a period of 18 years, since the date Mr Ethical (Nicholas Wilson) told the bank that what it was doing was illegal.

Following his dismissal from the law firm where he worked, for blowing the whistle, he has worked tirelessly dealing with regulators, the Court service, the media, police and parliamentarians in order to highlight the fraud. He has had varying degrees of success, but at the time of writing the bank has paid out hundreds of millions of pounds in recompense.

His journey has uncovered a huge amount of corruption going right to the heart of the British establishment; including the awarding of collaborators with jobs or honours; the lies told to parliament by regulators and the bank; the strategic placement of bank members into crucial positions in government and media and the general rule of omertà surrounding the bank. It has also seriously affected his mental and physical health, and he has been unable to secure even the most menial job because of his status as a “snitch”.

Mr Ethical attended one of HSBC’s AGMs at Queen Elizabeth II Centre, and waiting outside saw a fleet of blacked-out Mercedes limousines purring across the gravel courtyard, each carrying a bank director, just like a Mafia

Commission. One of the most powerful, and criminal banks in the world. Each and every one of those directors is culpable of the fraud detailed in this book because Mr Ethical told them about it at the AGM. Many of them have jobs at the heart of the British establishment.

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