| 1 | Tuesday, 25 July 2017 | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: So you will see the first items 1 and 2; that |
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| 2 | (10.30 am) | 2 | is the Bower v Marris issue, the item 1, and then the |
| 3 | (Proceedings delayed) | 3 | continued compounding under item 2 . Those remain live |
| 4 | (10.37 am) | 4 | and we will make submissions -- we make submissions on |
| 5 | Submissions by MR ZACAROLI | 5 | those two issues. |
| 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, Mr Zacaroli? | 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: The continuation of compounding is |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lady, my Lords, it is probably appropriate | 7 | not dependent on Bower v Marris? |
| 8 | to start with an apology for having wasted at least some | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: No, it is a separate point. |
| 9 | of the Court of Appeal's time -- | 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Don't apologise. It is what we are | 10 | MR ZACAROLI: The item 3, the (inaudible) is banded |
| 11 | here for. It is all very educational. I'm sorry you | 11 | effectively. That is all that happened there. The |
| 12 | are in such a small courtroom. Obviously nobody told me | 12 | judge is correct on that. That need not trouble this |
| 13 | to make the arrangements in time. | 13 | court. |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lords, what I propose to deal with this | 14 | Item 4, one element of the non-provable claim for |
| 15 | morning, the court has had fairly detailed submissions | 15 | interest it is said to apply -- that is the claim the |
| 16 | from us in writing on the impact of the Supreme Court | 16 | SCG make on interest, for the late payment of interest. |
| 17 | judgment -- | 17 | We will make, and we do make, very short submissions in |
| 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 18 | writing on that. I will make one point on that when we |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: -- so I propose to take this quite shortly in | 19 | come to it. |
| 20 | three stages. | 20 | Item 5 is the question from what date interest runs |
| 21 | First, to identify what is left and what is not | 21 | on contingent debt. That remains live and there is no |
| 22 | left, because of the Supreme Court judgment, to deal | 22 | impact on it by the Supreme Court judgment -- |
| 23 | with. Secondly, to recap very shortly our headline | 23 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: We will not be rehearing submissions |
| 24 | points on Bower v Marris. Then, thirdly, to indicate | 24 | on that? |
| 25 | why we say the Supreme Court judgment assists us on | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: We will not be rehearing submissions on that. |
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| 1 | those key points. | 1 | Then items 6 through 10 all relate to essentially |
| 2 | So there are two key conclusions in the Supreme | 2 | the offset points between interest and currency |
| 3 | Court. The first is that there is no such thing as | 3 | conversion claims and the like, and they are now all |
| 4 | a currency conversion claim. The second is that rule | 4 | irrelevant. So you can ignore items 6 through 10. |
| 5 | 2.88 constitutes a complete code for the payment of | 5 | Item 11 is the question of whether the rate |
| 6 | post-administration interest or there is no (inaudible) | 6 | applicable to the Department of Administration includes |
| 7 | conversion to contractual rights. | 7 | a foreign judgment(?) date. We made very brief |
| 8 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Just explain to me why you are going | 8 | submissions in writing on that. I say nothing further |
| 9 | first. | 9 | today. |
| 10 | MR ZACAROLI: Because when we first discussed -- | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Is that impacted? |
| 11 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: You are still very much respondent | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: We say it is. Very briefly, only in the sense |
| 12 | rather than appellant. | 12 | that the Supreme Court, we say, favours an approach of |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Indeed, when we first discussed with our | 13 | certainty and simplicity and I say nothing more on that. |
| 14 | opponents who was to go first in writing, they insisted | 14 | We have said all we want to say in writing on that. |
| 15 | we went first in writing. They said the Supreme Court | 15 | Item 12 is the point that York ran about interest in |
| 16 | judgment didn't change things. That is the reason. | 16 | relation to a close-out sum under an ISDA contract. |
| 17 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Okay. | 17 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: In terms of the impact of the Supreme Court | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: That remains live and there are no |
| 19 | judgment on the items listed for this Court, if you can | 19 | submissions. Finally, item 13, currency conversion is |
| 20 | turn to tab 3 of the supplemental bundle for today -- | 20 | clearly now irrelevant. |
| 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: That is the chart. | 21 | So far as Part B is concerned, tab 4, it is very |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: That's the chart. This relates to the 2A | 22 | easy; nothing remains. That is all about waiver of |
| 23 | appeal. The items in green remain live; the items in | 23 | currency conversion claims and claims to interest. |
| 24 | grey do not. | 24 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. So it is Waterfall 2C we are |
| 25 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 25 | all looking forward to. |
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| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Depending on the meaning of "looking forward", | 1 | before 1986. It was applied in liquidations because |
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| 2 | yes. | 2 | there was no statutory rule that was based on and |
| 3 | Turning to recap our headline points on Bower v | 3 | it relates to contractual rights and nothing more. |
| 4 | Marris, the first point is we say it is a question of | 4 | Two outline cases in Canada which did apply -- we |
| 5 | statutory construction, first and last. | 5 | say those are wrong for the reasons we dealt with in the |
| 6 | Rule 2.88(7) is a clear and unambiguous direction to | 6 | main appeal. I won't repeat all of that. |
| 7 | an administrator to pay interest out of a surplus, | 7 | So far as item 2, compounding of interest, is |
| 8 | firstly at a defined rate, the judgment act rate or | 8 | concerned, we say it is again a short point of |
| 9 | contractual rate if higher; secondly, on a defined sum | 9 | construction in that to allow compounding to continue |
| 10 | that is the proved debt; and, thirdly, for a defined | 10 | beyond the date of payment of final dividends would be |
| 11 | period, that is the period the proved debt has been | 11 | to require interest to be paid in respect of a period |
| 12 | outstanding since the date of administration. | 12 | after the proved debts had ceased to be outstanding and |
| 13 | On that last point we refer to the Cork report which | 13 | thus inconsistent with the express will in (inaudible). |
| 14 | states that one of its conclusions is interest should | 14 | Turning then to the Supreme Court judgment and why |
| 15 | run on proved debts until a final dividend is awarded. | 15 | we say it impacts in our favour on these various points, |
| 16 | That followed there. We say the words preclude the | 16 | may I first of all take it that the Court has had an |
| 17 | interest being discharged from principal -- they | 17 | opportunity to read the Supreme Court judgment? |
| 18 | preclude the surplus being used to pay interest on the | 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, you can. |
| 19 | date after the proved debt is paid in full and preclude | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I can take you just to the relevant passages |
| 20 | (inaudible) not having been discharged by way of | 20 | and we can be quite quick about this then. |
| 21 | principal. The Bower v Marris approach to calculated | 21 | First of all, we submit that the judgment reinforces |
| 22 | interest. | 22 | the importance of construing the 1986 legislation |
| 23 | Far from the rule being silent, as it is said in the | 23 | according to its own terms as a new code, particularly |
| 24 | papers by my learned friends, on how we calculate | 24 | where any part of it is in fact new, as the rule for |
| 25 | interest, we say it contains everything you need to know | 25 | payment of interest is. |
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| 1 | by way of direction to the administrator as to how you | 1 | Secondly, and linked to that, we say the judgment |
| 2 | calculate interest. | 2 | produces a further obstacle, if one was needed, in the |
| 3 | Our second overall point was that Bower v Marris, | 3 | way of interpreting 2.88 in light of some supposed |
| 4 | the case, did not lay down any "general equitable | 4 | general equitable principle said to have applied to the |
| 5 | principle", as to how interest is to be payable from an | 5 | prior statutory regimes. |
| 6 | insolvent claimant. All it laid down is that where | 6 | Just a few excerpts from the judgment to make good |
| 7 | a creditor has a contractual right to interest, such | 7 | those points. Paragraphs 12 and 13: Lord Neuberger at |
| 8 | that it could be said at the time of the payment of the | 8 | paragraphs 12 and 13 draws a distinction between certain |
| 9 | dividend that the creditor had two parallel rights, one | 9 | fundamental principles of insolvency which have always |
| 10 | to principal and one to interest, the dividend paid in | 10 | applied. That is the third line of paragraph 12: |
| 11 | process of law was not an appropriation to principal or | 11 | "Most, indeed probably all, fundamental principles |
| 12 | anything. So that where a surplus emerged and | 12 | apply just as they always have done." |
| 13 | a creditor was remitted to its contractual rights, then | 13 | He cites the pari passu principle as the obvious |
| 14 | its right to appropriate is revived. | 14 | example. |
| 15 | That is all the case is authority for. We say it | 15 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 16 | can't apply to statutory interest because there is | 16 | MR ZACAROLI: "But when it comes to less fundamental |
| 17 | nothing due by way of statutory interest unless and | 17 | procedures and rules, it cannot be assumed that judicial |
| 18 | until there is a surplus. Therefore nothing due by way | 18 | decisions even at the highest level relating to the old |
| 19 | of statutory interest at the time the dividends were | 19 | legislation necessarily hold good." |
| 20 | paid, therefore no room for the adoption of | 20 | Just in passing, we note that the judge-made |
| 21 | appropriation. | 21 | principle or rule that you are remitted(?) contractual |
| 22 | Thirdly, our third overall point was that far from | 22 | rights in relation to interest for that which you didn't |
| 23 | there being some general equitable principle as | 23 | get out of the scheme, is just one of those less |
| 24 | contended by the SCG, Bower v Marris have never been | 24 | fundamental principles by definition because it is one |
| 25 | applied to a statutory rule as to payment of interest | 25 | which the Supreme Court says does not survive. |
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| 1 | Then in 13 some of the other long-standing | 1 | Now we do say there is a permissible read-across |
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| 2 | principles are referred to. So Lord Neuberger cites the | 2 | from that general proposition -- or that proposition in |
| 3 | anti-deprivation principle, the rule against double | 3 | ion to currency conversion claims -- to interest, |
| 4 | proof, the rule in Cherry v Boultbee, and then he uses | 4 | because rule 2.88 was indeed a new rule. Yes, it had |
| 5 | the phrase "certain rules of fairness" alluded to in the | 5 | been used in a slightly different form in bankruptcy, or |
| 6 | Nortel Gmbh case at paragraph 122. That paragraph is | 6 | at least there was a statutory rule in relation to |
| 7 | the paragraph where the Supreme Court in Nortel | 7 | bankruptcy, but as we know Bower v Marris had never been |
| 8 | mentioned the rule in ex parte James: | 8 | applied to that statutory rule, but so far as companies |
| 9 | "So where a judge-made rule is well established | 9 | were concerned it was an entirely new rule. |
| 10 | consistent with the terms and underlying principles of | 10 | Just picking up something in conjunction with that |
| 11 | the legislation, it continues to apply. ...(Reading to | 11 | passage at paragraphs 125 to 126 . This is under the |
| 12 | the words)... However [the last four lines] particularly | 12 | section dealing with whether the contractual right to |
| 13 | in light of the full and detailed nature of the current | 13 | interest -- so, just rewinding a moment, one of the |
| 14 | legislation and the need for certainty, any judge would | 14 | issues in the Supreme Court was this so-called lacuna, |
| 15 | think long and hard before extending or adapting an | 15 | where if a company which had been in administration went |
| 16 | existing rule, even more before formulating a new rule." | 16 | into liquidation then what was apparently an accrued |
| 17 | Then, skipping forward if I may to paragraph 83, | 17 | right or said to have been an accrued right to statutory |
| 18 | this is in a passage -- and we acknowledge that the | 18 | interest in the administration fell away entirely |
| 19 | Supreme Court were not dealing expressly with Bower v | 19 | because the date for assessing payment of statutory |
| 20 | Marris at any stage, we of course acknowledge that -- | 20 | interest in liquidation was a much later one than for |
| 21 | here what they are dealing with is the foreign currency | 21 | liquidation(?). |
| 22 | claims and rules 2.86 and 4.91, so the currency | 22 | So addressing that lacuna point, the Court of Appeal |
| 23 | conversion claim issue, but at paragraph 83, | 23 | had come up with a fix to it which the Supreme Court |
| 24 | Lord Neuberger points out: | 24 | disagreed with, which meant they had to go back to the |
| 25 | "It is dangerous to rely on judicial dicta as to the | 25 | question, was there a continuing non-statutory right? |
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| 1 | effect of an earlier insolvency code given that the 86 legislation amounts to what Sealy \& Milman describe as including extensive and radical changes in the law and practice of bankruptcy and corporate insolvency and amounting virtually to the introduction of a completely new code." <br> Fair it is to point out that the dicta concerned there are those in Lyons(?) Brothers about the effect of currency conversion claims, but we rely upon it for the more broad proposition that one is in a sense looking at the words afresh in the 86 legislation unless there is some well-established rule. <br> Then finally on this point, paragraph 90 in this same section, he points out that the 1949 rules were silent so far as the treatment of foreign currency creditors were concerned. In the second sentence: <br> "Given that the treatment of foreign currency creditors in corporate insolvencies was expressly dealt with for the first time in the 1986 rules, ...(Reading to the words)... it appears to me that there must be a presumption that the new rule 2.86 intended to spell out the full extent of a foreign currency creditor's rights, particularly when one bears in mind the fact just mentioned that the purpose of the 86 legislation was to simplify and clarify the law." | 1 | And that is what they are dealing with at paragraphs 124 |
| 2 |  | 2 | and following. |
| 3 |  | 3 | At 125, the Supreme Court -- Lord Neuberger says: |
| 4 |  | 4 | "In my judgment, contrary to the conclusions |
| 5 |  | 5 | reached by ...(Reading to the words)... the contractual |
| 6 |  | 6 | right to interest for the post-administration period |
| 7 |  | 7 | does not revive or survive in favour of a creditor who |
| 8 |  | 8 | has proof of his debt and who paid out on his proof in |
| 9 |  | 9 | a distribution administration ..." |
| 10 |  | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Sorry, what paragraph are you on? |
| 11 |  | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: 125. |
| 12 |  | 12 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 13 |  | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: "The contractual right ... for the |
| 14 |  | 14 | post-administration period does not revive or survive in |
| 15 |  | 15 | favour of a creditor who has proof of his debt and who |
| 16 |  | 16 | is paid out ..." |
| 17 |  | 17 | It refers then to Humber Ironworks, and refers at |
| 18 |  | 18 | the sixth line to that observation of |
| 19 |  | 19 | Lord Justice Gifford in Humber Ironworks being made: |
| 20 |  | 20 | "... in the context of a decision which was wholly |
| 21 |  | 21 | based on what Lord Justice Gifford expressly described |
| 22 |  | 22 | as judge-made law because the contemporary statutory |
| 23 |  | 23 | provisions gave no guidance as to how contractual |
| 24 |  | 24 | interest was to be dealt with in a winding up |
| 25 |  | 25 | ...(Reading to the words)... provide a complete |
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| 1 | statutory code for the recovery of interest on proved | 1 | indicate. |
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| 2 | debts in administrations and liquidations. There is now | 2 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 3 | no room for the judge-made law which was invoked by Lord | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: It is common ground that the Supreme Court |
| 4 | Justice Gifford." | 4 | judgment now precludes any remission to contractual |
| 5 | At 126: | 5 | rights for interest -- |
| 6 | "The issue has some echoes of a currency conversion | 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 7 | claim ... a creditor would have enjoyed under the | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: -- once you have been through the statutory |
| 8 | contract." | 8 | process. It is common ground because that was part of |
| 9 | Now the third way in which we say the Supreme Court | 9 | the ratio dealing with the lacuna. |
| 10 | assists our case is that it -- and following on really | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. But it is said that in relation |
| 11 | from that last paragraph -- there is now no room for an | 11 | to Bower v Marris, for example, you construe the |
| 12 | approach which the SCG favoured before this court and | 12 | statutory code as enabling that principle to continue to |
| 13 | before the judge which says, "Well, but for the | 13 | apply? |
| 14 | administration we would have been entitled to claim | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, I think what is said is that you |
| 15 | interest from the company on a Bower v Marris basis | 15 | construe rule 2.88 on the basis that within the rule -- |
| 16 | under our contractual rights, so you should interpret | 16 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 17 | the rule to include that contractual right"; there | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, I see, the Bower Marris principle. |
| 18 | should be some sort of predetermined impetus to | 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 19 | determine the rule to accord with those contractual | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: It is not a remission for contractual rights |
| 20 | rights. | 20 | principle. |
| 21 | However, paragraph 126 shows that the legislative | 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 22 | scheme may well be intended to work in a way that does | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, exactly. |
| 23 | not vindicate or give respect to all rights under | 23 | So this is not directly on point, but we rely on it |
| 24 | a contract. | 24 | as showing that the Supreme Court fully understood and |
| 25 | On that point, Lord Sumption, in agreement with | 25 | recognised that the scheme of the Act may result in |
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| 1 | Lord Neuberger, said, at paragraph 194, he had no | 1 | creditors' contractual rights not being vindicated. It |
| 2 | difficulty with the concept that non-provable debts may | 2 | is just a question of construing what the rules say. |
| 3 | be recoverable from a surplus, but he did not accept the | 3 | If it works that way, so be it. And we say that is |
| 4 | conclusion that the unsatisfied balance of a foreign | 4 | entirely how it does work in relation to rule 2.88. It |
| 5 | currency debt can be recovered on that basis: | 5 | is a new direction to pay interest out of the surplus in |
| 6 | "The reason can be shortly stated ...(Reading to the | 6 | a particular way and one is not entitled to construe it |
| 7 | words)... It is axiomatic that where the insolvency | 7 | with some a priori impetus to say, well, surely |
| 8 | rules deal expressly with some matter in one way, it is | 8 | contractual rights should have been meant to be |
| 9 | not open to the courts to deal with it in a different | 9 | satisfied. |
| 10 | and inconsistent way." | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So what is a non-provable debt, then? |
| 11 | Then he deals with the rules, and about six or seven | 11 | Give me an example that it is still okay, you can go |
| 12 | lines further down he says, just below the second | 12 | against surplus in respect of it. |
| 13 | hole-punch: | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: So a wholly subsequent tort claim. |
| 14 | "Rules 2.86 and 4.91 provide that they are to be | 14 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Right. |
| 15 | valued at the cut-off date ...(Reading to the words)... | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Where the damage -- if all the events in |
| 16 | by reference to the judge-made rules governing | 16 | relation to the tort occurred after the date of the |
| 17 | non-provable debts." | 17 | administration, it is a wholly subsequent claim. It is |
| 18 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: I missed that paragraph. Which one | 18 | a non-provable claim. |
| 19 | are you in? | 19 | The world of non-provable claims is undoubtedly |
| 20 | MR ZACAROLI: 194. | 20 | diminished in the light of the Supreme Court judgment. |
| 21 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: Thank you. | 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, I'm just trying to get my mind |
| 22 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Are you saying that these views apply | 22 | round. |
| 23 | to claims for interest? | 23 | But a claim for late payment of interest is not such |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: They certainly do apply to claims for | 24 | a claim in relation to the period after the |
| 25 | interest, as paragraphs 124 and 125 as I just showed you | 25 | administration, for example? |
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| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, you can't prove for interest accruing | 1 | can't create the surplus by using section 74. So they |
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| 2 | after the date of administration. So in a sense, it | 2 | ruled out the ability to get a contribution from |
| 3 | would be right to say that to the extent you have | 3 | creditors in order to pay statutory interest. |
| 4 | a claim to interest that relates to the period after | 4 | In that context, under the heading "Statutory |
| 5 | administration, it is a non-provable claim. The point | 5 | Interest" at paragraph 139, having I should say already |
| 6 | is there is no such right to any such claim other than | 6 | held just above that other non-provable liabilities were |
| 7 | what the statute now provides, because the statute | 7 | something in respect of which the liquidator could claim |
| 8 | provides for your non-provable claim by way of a claim | 8 | a contribution from shareholders, the Supreme Court went |
| 9 | to statutory interest. It is not called a non-provable | 9 | on to say that you couldn't do the same in relation to |
| 10 | claim but it -- | 10 | interest. The last three lines of 139 on the page: |
| 11 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, I see. | 11 | "Nonetheless it seems to me that there is no answer |
| 12 | MR ZACAROLI: -- is in fact not provable. | 12 | to the simple proposition advanced ...(Reading to the |
| 13 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So there is no subsisting | 13 | words)... could be called on to meet under |
| 14 | non-provable claim for interest. The parties have | 14 | section 74.1." |
| 15 | agreed that? | 15 | Then dropping two paragraphs at 142, again the Court |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that is correct. | 16 | of Appeal had provided a fix to this particular problem, |
| 17 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 17 | and Lord Justice Briggs is quoted in the third line at |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 18 | 142 as saying: |
| 19 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, I see. | 19 | "The use in section 189 rule 2.88 and elsewhere in |
| 20 | MR ZACAROLI: Save for the remaining argument that the SCG | 20 | the statutory code of the concept of payment out of |
| 21 | run which is that there is a claim, which is | 21 | a surplus ...(Reading to the words).. the priorities |
| 22 | a non-provable claim, to interest for the late payment | 22 | encapsulated in the Waterfall." |
| 23 | of statutory interest. They still assert that. | 23 | Lord Neuberger goes on: |
| 24 | We say it has clearly gone as a result of the | 24 | "It seems to me that this analysis involves |
| 25 | complete code argument but they still do assert that. | 25 | a rewriting of the legislative provisions ...(Reading to |
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| 1 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 1 | the words)... not absurd or unworkable and therefore it |
| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: Our fourth and final point on the impact of | 2 | should be adopted." |
| 3 | the Supreme Court judgment on Bower v Marris is that it | 3 | First of all, we say that stresses the importance of |
| 4 | provides further support for the conclusion that we | 4 | simply looking at the words of the rule to see what they |
| 5 | urged on the court that the essential material, the | 5 | mean. Also Lord Neuberger there is reinforcing the |
| 6 | essential building blocks, for the application of what | 6 | proposition that rule 2.88 is not merely reordering |
| 7 | we say is the proper interpretation of the principle in | 7 | existing liabilities; statutory interest is a new |
| 8 | Bower v Marris is simply missing. | 8 | liability created by the rule when there is a surplus. |
| 9 | Those building blocks are two concurrent rights | 9 | The final reference is back to paragraph 117, again |
| 10 | against which you can appropriate a payment. That is | 10 | dealing with the lacuna. Mr Justice David Richards had |
| 11 | there must be two concurrent rights accruing at the time | 11 | concluded that the interest provided for in 2.88(7) |
| 12 | that a dividend is paid so the creditor can appropriate | 12 | could not be claimed from a subsequent liquidator given |
| 13 | payment to interest as opposed to principal. | 13 | the difficulty in the wording of the rules. The |
| 14 | Just a couple of references on this. If we start at | 14 | Supreme Court agreed. Lord Neuberger says in the fourth |
| 15 | paragraph 139, so that you understand the context, this | 15 | line of 117 : |
| 16 | is in a section of the judgment dealing with the | 16 | "It is in my view an accurate characterisation |
| 17 | question which we have not had any need to consider in | 17 | ...(Reading to the words)... in liquidation taking place |
| 18 | Waterfall Part 2, which is the extent to which | 18 | after administration has ended. |
| 19 | contributories are liable under section 74 of the Act | 19 | So this right to statutory interest (a) doesn't |
| 20 | for non-provable liabilities, in particular the | 20 | arise unless and until there is a surplus; and, (b), |
| 21 | liability for statutory interest. | 21 | disappears if the administration is brought to an end. |
| 22 | The question is can the liquidator pursue | 22 | We say that supports our general proposition that we |
| 23 | shareholders for a contribution to create the surplus | 23 | made at the main appeal hearing that during the period |
| 24 | from which interest would then be payable under the | 24 | when dividends are being paid in relation to proved |
| 25 | statute? And the Supreme Court held no, you can't; you | 25 | debts, there is no accruing right to statutory interest |
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| 1 | which could form the basis of an appropriation. | 1 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Thank you very much. |
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| 2 | Turning very briefly if I may lastly to item 4 in | 2 | Yes, Mr Dicker? |
| 3 | the list, which is the question of interest for late | 3 | Submissions by MR DICKER |
| 4 | payment of interest, which, as I said, is still pursued. | 4 | MR DICKER: I was proposing to take a similar course to my |
| 5 | I should say we understand -- I made this clear in our | 5 | learned friend and hopefully at roughly similar length. |
| 6 | written submissions -- we understand that so far as Part | 6 | Can I start by putting the debate in relation to |
| 7 | $B$ is concerned, if this claim did exist it would have | 7 | currency conversion claims to one side, because the |
| 8 | been subject to the releases and waivers under the CDD | 8 | issues in relation to that were very different. |
| 9 | and the CRA, but we simply dealing here with the | 9 | The issue in relation to currency conversion claims |
| 10 | question whether it exists in the first place. | 10 | was not about the meaning of rule 2.86: it was, |
| 11 | We made two points on this -- | 11 | essentially, whether 2.86 was a complete code. Put |
| 12 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: But we still have to decide whether | 12 | another way, if you didn't get paid your foreign |
| 13 | it is subject to the releases? | 13 | currency entitlement in full in accordance with 2.86, |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: No. | 14 | could you have a non-provable claim for the balance? |
| 15 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: We haven't? | 15 | If it was a complete code, there was no argument |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: No, it is accepted that it is released. That | 16 | about what rule 2.86 meant. In that context, it is |
| 17 | is common ground. | 17 | worth emphasising, we say, three points from the |
| 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: I see. | 18 | judgment of Lord Neuberger on behalf of the majority. |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I will hear my learned friend. We made this | 19 | Firstly, so far as prior authority was concerned, |
| 20 | point in writing. In our submission we made it fairly | 20 | the dicta in previous cases were at best of limited |
| 21 | plain we understand it to be since Part B is now | 21 | value because they were mutually inconsistent -- that is |
| 22 | abandoned -- I will hear what he says about it. | 22 | paragraph 83 -- |
| 23 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Right. | 23 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: You mean prior authorities on the |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: So far as the question whether it exists or | 24 | currency conversion? |
| 25 | not, we made two main points. First of all, there is no | 25 | MR DICKER: On current conversion claims. So prior |
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| 1 | possibility of any such claim because there is no | 1 | authority is of limited value because they were mutually |
| 2 | obligation on the company to pay statutory interest by | 2 | inconsistent at best. However the general understanding |
| 3 | any particular date. | 3 | was that the contractual debt was converted into a right |
| 4 | So there is no concept of late payment and thus no | 4 | to prove. That is paragraph 89. |
| 5 | foundation for any possible claim to damages for late | 5 | So on the basis of the judgment of the majority, |
| 6 | payment. So the claim simply is a non-starter. We made | 6 | prior authority was, if anything, against a non-provable |
| 7 | those submissions at the main appeal hearing. | 7 | currency conversion claim. |
| 8 | Secondly, we said rule 2.88 is a complete code and | 8 | Secondly, so far as principal was concerned, the |
| 9 | it precludes any such claim. We submit the | 9 | earlier authorities indicated that there were principled |
| 10 | Supreme Court judgment has undoubtedly reinforced our | 10 | grounds for supporting either conclusion. That is |
| 11 | case on the second of those aspects regarding the | 11 | paragraph 83. So in other words, if one had recourse to |
| 12 | complete code. | 12 | principle, you didn't get an answer pointing in one |
| 13 | The rule provides, we now know from the | 13 | direction. There were reasons for supporting both |
| 14 | Supreme Court, an exhaustive statement of rights to | 14 | approaches. |
| 15 | interest post administration. If it had been intended | 15 | Thirdly, so far as the preparatory materials leading |
| 16 | by the legislature that creditors should be entitled to | 16 | up to the 1986 Act were concerned, the Cork Committee |
| 17 | interest on interest in relation to that statutory | 17 | and the Law Commission, the majority held -- carefully |
| 18 | claim, then it could have said so. It would have said | 18 | considered the issue and reached the clearly expressed |
| 19 | so. The absence of any indication to that effect, we | 19 | and firmly held conclusion that foreign currency claims |
| 20 | say, is the end of it. It is a complete code. There is | 20 | should be dealt with in solvent as in the insolvent |
| 21 | no right to interest accruing after administration | 21 | liquidations. That is the judgment at paragraph 88. |
| 22 | whatsoever. | 22 | Two other points specific to currency conversion |
| 23 | My Lady and my Lords, unless I can assist further, | 23 | claims were also important. Firstly, the notion of |
| 24 | those are my very brief submissions on why we say the | 24 | a hybrid debt with a presently provable element and |
| 25 | Supreme Court judgment assists. | 25 | a contingently unprovable element was regarded as |
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| 1 | That is why, in our submission, the real source of | 1 | accordingly. |
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| 2 | the problem is not that, but the fact that pursuant to | 2 | Now, you can see, we say, Bower v Marris is not |
| 3 | the statutory regime, as a result of the pari passu | 3 | inconsistent with rule 2.88 by looking back to how it |
| 4 | principle, dividends have to be paid first in respect of | 4 | operated, particularly in relation to section 132 of the |
| 5 | proved debts which is essentially principal. | 5 | Bankruptcy Act 1825. This is obviously a critical point |
| 6 | So that by the time you get to the calculation of | 6 | in our argument, because we say Bower v Marris did |
| 7 | interest, you have the oddity that you have a statutory | 7 | operate, or was assumed to operate, in bankruptcy |
| 8 | regime that says you have already made payments, and | 8 | pursuant to the 1825 Act and subsequent acts, at least |
| 9 | those payments have had to have been made in respect of | 9 | until 1883. There was obviously a debate as to what |
| 10 | proved debts, ie principal. So it looks like | 10 | happened afterwards, but between that period |
| 11 | a situation in which, for better or worse, the principal | 11 | Bower v Marris operated. |
| 12 | has already been discharged, and therefore you cannot | 12 | Now, my learned friend's written argument in reply |
| 13 | calculate interest, save in that way. | 13 | is important in this context. At the last hearing you |
| 14 | Now, it is that feature that gives rise to the | 14 | will recall that I said on a number of occasions that it |
| 15 | points that Wentworth makes in paragraph 5.3 of its | 15 | was common ground that Bower v Marris applied at least |
| 16 | written skeleton argument. | 16 | between 1825 and 1883. My learned friend did not, as |
| 17 | It is that aspect of the statutory regime that | 17 | I understood him, indicate to the contrary. |
| 18 | enables Wentworth to say that if Bower v Marris applies, | 18 | We referred to the fact that Mr Justice David |
| 19 | it would require the surplus to be used for discharging | 19 | Richards in paragraph 65 of his part A judgment said: |
| 20 | part of the proved debt itself, because it requires the | 20 | "I do not doubt the approach in Bower v Marris was |
| 21 | dividends as having been used to pay post administration | 21 | accepted as correct, at least until the Bankruptcy Act |
| 22 | interest, because it would require statutory interest to | 22 | 1883." |
| 23 | be paid with respect to a period long after the date the | 23 | We also referred you to the judgment of |
| 24 | proved debt, or relevant part of it, is paid. | 24 | Lord Cottenham in Bower v Marris, you may recall decided |
| 25 | We say the answer to that is simple. Bower v Marris | 25 | some years after the introduction of the 1825 Act, when |
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| 1 | doesn't actually require interest to be used to pay | 1 | he referred to the earlier cases having been decided |
| 2 | principal, or any of the other things which described in | 2 | "without the aid which the statute now affords". |
| 3 | paragraph 5.3: Bower v Marris is simply a means of | 3 | So we say, go back to section 132 of the 1825 Act, |
| 4 | calculating interest. It is done on a notional basis. | 4 | Bower v Marris applied. Indeed the learned judge below |
| 5 | It assumes that because the payments of principal were | 5 | held that it applied between 1825 and 1883. And we say |
| 6 | paid by operation of law, when you come to interest, you | 6 | if you look at the wording of section 132, if |
| 7 | essentially take a clean sheet of paper and you | 7 | Bower v Marris applied in the context of that section, |
| 8 | calculate the position as if that had not happened. | 8 | why on earth can't it apply equally on the wording of |
| 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Why do you say Bower v Marris is | 9 | 2.88 ? |
| 10 | a means of calculating interest, as opposed to | 10 | We also rely, as you know, and I won't go back over |
| 11 | outstanding principal? | 11 | this, on the similar position, we say, in relation to |
| 12 | MR DICKER: Because that's precisely -- | 12 | the 1841 order discussed in Whittingstall v Grover; a |
| 13 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: It may be just the other side of the | 13 | similar statutory regime entitling you to interest in |
| 14 | coin? | 14 | the event of a surplus held by Mr Justice Chitty |
| 15 | MR DICKER: They are, but what is important is that what you | 15 | entirely consistent with the application of Bower v |
| 16 | are doing is -- the situation is not one in which you | 16 | Marris. We also rely on the lengthy judgment of Justice |
| 17 | are effectively trying to act inconsistently with what | 17 | Blair in Attorney General v Canada case in Canada. |
| 18 | has already happened, as a matter of fact. | 18 | The other point that we make is this. As you know, |
| 19 | In other words, payments of principal have already | 19 | we do emphasise it is important not to get lost in the |
| 20 | been made. That's true. Bower v Marris proceeds on | 20 | detail of the wording of 2.88. We say the basic thrust |
| 21 | that basis. It is not trying to act inconsistently with | 21 | of rule 2.88 is creditors should receive the rate |
| 22 | the statutory scheme. It is simply saying: when you | 22 | applicable to the debt apart from the administration or |
| 23 | come to calculate interest, because those payments were | 23 | the Judgments Act rate. |
| 24 | made by operation of law, we will treat them as having | 24 | The purpose of the first limb is to ensure that |
| 25 | been made generally on account and calculate interest | 25 | creditors receive the interest that they would have |
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| 1 | received had there been no administration. That's why | 1 | return is made to members." |
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| 2 | I took you to the paragraph in Lord Neuberger's judgment | 2 | We do say that's an extraordinary submission. It |
| 3 | where he talks at paragraph 53 about the section | 3 | may be that on analysis -- |
| 4 | effectively confirming that interest which would, in the | 4 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Sorry, paragraph 12? |
| 5 | absence of the liquidation, normally be expected to be | 5 | MR DICKER: Paragraph 12 -- |
| 6 | contractually payable by the company from the | 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Of their opening submissions in this |
| 7 | liquidation date until repayment of the principal, is | 7 | supplemental hearing? |
| 8 | payable in the liquidation only if there is a surplus. | 8 | MR DICKER: Paragraph 16 of their opening submissions. |
| 9 | The broad purpose of that is plainly to give | 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Sorry, my fault. 16, yes. |
| 10 | creditors -- what they would otherwise have been | 10 | MR DICKER: Second sentence: |
| 11 | entitled to receive as a matter of contract. You may | 11 | "The court's task is to construe the words of the |
| 12 | recall, there was a similar comment of Mr Justice David | 12 | legislation to determine what rights the legislation |
| 13 | Richards in his part A supplemental judgment, | 13 | provides, according to its language ... wrong to |
| 14 | paragraph 34, where he says: | 14 | construe the legislation by reference to what rights |
| 15 | "The purpose of providing the alternative interest | 15 | a creditor would have had but for the insolvency, and to |
| 16 | at the rate applicable apart from the administration is | 16 | assume the legislation intended those rights to be |
| 17 | to ensure the creditor receives what it would have | 17 | satisfied in full before any return is made to members." |
| 18 | received had there been no administration." | 18 | We say, with the greatest respect, that is |
| 19 | So that is plainly the broad thrust of that limb. | 19 | an extraordinary submission. The function of |
| 20 | Similarly, in relation to the second limb, the broad | 20 | liquidation is and always has been in general to ensure |
| 21 | thrust is the creditor receives the interest that he | 21 | that creditors are paid in full before anything is |
| 22 | would normally have received if he had a judgment. | 22 | distributed to members. |
| 23 | That's no doubt why the draftsman said you should get | 23 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 24 | interest at the Judgment Act rate. | 24 | MR DICKER: It may be that upon analysis, a particular rule |
| 25 | Again, on Wentworth's case, neither of those two | 25 | does not comply with that principle. If so, as a matter |
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| 1 | things are true. You don't get the interest you would | 1 | of construction, that's the effect of the statute, so be |
| 2 | have had as a matter of contract. You don't effectively | 2 | it. |
| 3 | get interest at the Judgment Act rate of 8 per cent, | 3 | We do say the starting point has to be an |
| 4 | because it is not calculated in the way that it normally | 4 | expectation, absent wording to the contrary, that that |
| 5 | would be calculated. | 5 | is what the statute will achieve. |
| 6 | So far as the general approach to statutory | 6 | The second point, going back to Lord Neuberger's |
| 7 | construction is concerned, we say there is nothing in | 7 | judgment, is in paragraph 12, where he says: |
| 8 | the Supreme Court's judgment that is intended to alter | 8 | "When it comes to less fundamental procedures and |
| 9 | the normal approach to statutory construction. | 9 | rules, it cannot be assumed that judicial decisions, |
| 10 | My learned friend showed you paragraphs 12 and 13 of | 10 | even at the highest level relating to previous |
| 11 | Lord Neuberger's judgment. Picking up three points from | 11 | insolvency legislation necessarily hold good, in |
| 12 | those paragraphs, first, Lord Neuberger says: | 12 | relation to the 1986 legislation." |
| 13 | "Most, indeed probably all, fundamental principles | 13 | Obviously, we accept that. You can't necessarily |
| 14 | apply just as they have always done." | 14 | assume that. It all depends on the rule and it depends |
| 15 | We say one such principle is plainly creditors | 15 | on the reason why the rule was introduced, the purpose |
| 16 | first, members last. | 16 | which it was intended to meet and its wording. |
| 17 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: So sorry, which paragraph? | 17 | The third point comes from paragraph 13 where |
| 18 | MR DICKER: Paragraph 12. | 18 | Lord Neuberger says: |
| 19 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: Thank you. | 19 | "Despite its lengthy and detailed provisions, the |
| 20 | MR DICKER: Now, you may have noted Wentworth's skeleton | 20 | 1986 legislation does not constitute a complete |
| 21 | argument where it says that, paragraph 16: | 21 | insolvency code." |
| 22 | "It is wrong to construe the legislation by | 22 | Amongst other things, he refers to the rule in |
| 23 | reference to what rights a creditor would have had but | 23 | Cherry v Boultbee, one aspect of which is obviously the |
| 24 | for the insolvency, and to assume that the legislature | 24 | contributories rule and says: |
| 25 | intended those rights to be satisfied in full before any | 25 | "Provided that a judge-made rule is well |
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| 1 | established, consistent with the terms and underlying | 1 | In this context, we do say some assistance is |
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| 2 | principles of current legislative provisions and | 2 | provided by the approach of the majority to the |
| 3 | reasonably necessary to achieve justice, it continues to | 3 | contributory rule. Now, I know we have not been |
| 4 | apply ... as judge-made rules are ultimately part of | 4 | concerned with that to date, but can I just show you as |
| 5 | common law ... no reason in principle why they can't be | 5 | my learned friend -- |
| 6 | developed." | 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: That is it set out in your skeleton, |
| 7 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: You say that Bower v Marris fits into | 7 | isn't it? |
| 8 | all of that? | 8 | MR DICKER: It is. Just picking up so you have the relevant |
| 9 | MR DICKER: Yes. If the rule in Cherry v Boultbee is such | 9 | paragraphs, if you go on to paragraph 166, there is |
| 10 | a principle, why on earth isn't the rule in | 10 | a prior question as to whether the LBIE administrators |
| 11 | Bower v Marris? | 11 | can set off a contributory's potential liability. |
| 12 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 12 | If that fails, the next question which arose is the |
| 13 | MR DICKER: Just picking up the points that Lord Neuberger | 13 | question at 172: namely, does the contributory rule |
| 14 | makes -- | 14 | apply when distributing administrations? |
| 15 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: In fact in a way Bower v Marris is | 15 | At 173, Lord Neuberger says: |
| 16 | simpler than Cherry v Boultbee. | 16 | "It is common ground this problem would not arise if |
| 17 | MR DICKER: What is extraordinary, if one goes back, I don't | 17 | it was a liquidator rather than administrators of LBIE |
| 18 | know if you recall, but prior to Rory(?) Dunne's first | 18 | who was effecting a distribution because of the |
| 19 | book on set-off, Cherry v Boultbee had to a large extent | 19 | contributory rule ... an aspect of a wider equitable |
| 20 | disappeared from view. | 20 | principle known as the rule in Cherry v Boultbee." |
| 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: We dreamt about it every night in | 21 | 174: |
| 22 | Chancery. | 22 | "The rule applies in liquidations although it is not |
| 23 | MR DICKER: His book, we used to joke, could be well have | 23 | provided for in the 1986 Act or the 1986 rules, and is |
| 24 | been called "Set-off and the rule in Cherry v Boultbee", | 24 | one of the surviving judge-made rules of the insolvency |
| 25 | because about half the book seemed to be concerned | 25 | code as alluded to in paragraph 17 above." |
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| 1 | with it. | 1 | If you go on to 177: |
| 2 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 2 | "The more difficult question is whether taking such |
| 3 | MR DICKER: There really is no difference between the two | 3 | a course would involve extending the contributory rule |
| 4 | principles. They are both aspects of judge-made law. | 4 | in a way which is inconsistent with the provisions or |
| 5 | Bower v Marris applies obviously more broadly because it | 5 | principles of the current legislation. There is, at |
| 6 | is a fund administration rule. We have seen from | 6 | least at first sight, a strong argument that such |
| 7 | Whittingstall v Grover, it is not limited to insolvency, | 7 | an extension would be inconsistent with rule 2.69, which |
| 8 | but it is held that it applies in insolvencies. | 8 | requires debt to be paid in full unless the assets are |
| 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 9 | insufficient to meet them; and rule 2.88(7) which |
| 10 | MR DICKER: Now, so far as "well established" is concerned, | 10 | requires any surplus remaining after payment of the |
| 11 | it is true, a bit like Cherry v Boultbee, the rule | 11 | debts ... to be applied in paying statutory interest |
| 12 | didn't have the greatest amount of public visibility for | 12 | before being applied for any other purpose." |
| 13 | a period. But it can hardly be said it disappeared from | 13 | Then going down to the last six lines of that |
| 14 | sight. I made the point at the last hearing, referred | 14 | paragraph, Lord Neuberger says: |
| 15 | to in Re Humber Ironworks, a case cited in every edition | 15 | "The true analysis is the contributory rule is an |
| 16 | of every textbook, and it was applied only shortly | 16 | aspect of the general equitable principle which operates |
| 17 | before the introduction of the 1986 Act in Re Lyons | 17 | as a qualification to the 1986 rules regarding |
| 18 | Brothers Number 2. | 18 | distributions in liquidations, and is needed to ensure |
| 19 | Consistent with the terms and underlying principles | 19 | compliance with the overall purpose of those rules." |
| 20 | of the legislation, we say it is entirely consistent -- | 20 | So the rules provide you have to distribute |
| 21 | indeed it is demonstrated -- by its application in the | 21 | pari passu amongst creditors, both in respect of proved |
| 22 | context of section 132 of the Bankruptcy Act 1825: | 22 | debts. The rules also provide that you have to pay |
| 23 | reasonably necessary to achieve justice. That is how it | 23 | interest out of the surplus on those proved debts. |
| 24 | is described in all the cases, a matter of fairness and | 24 | Now, the contributories rule, Lord Neuberger |
| 25 | justice. | 25 | acknowledges in 177, appears to be inconsistent with |
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| 1 | those rules because it says you can't have anything out | 1 | that it is, it is plainly permissible to take a similar |
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| 2 | until you contribute what you owe. If you can't have | 2 | approach in relation to the rule in Bower v Marris. |
| 3 | anything out until you contribute what you owe, you are | 3 | I mentioned, in distinguishing the approach to |
| 4 | not going to get a pari passu share of your proved debt | 4 | currency conversion claims, the importance of the |
| 5 | and you are not going to get paid interest. | 5 | Law Commission and the court report in the conclusion |
| 6 | Nevertheless, contributories rules applies because | 6 | which the Supreme Court -- the majority of the |
| 7 | it is a aspect of the general equitable principle which | 7 | Supreme Court -- came to on currency conversion claims. |
| 8 | operates as a qualification to the 1986 rules regarding | 8 | Obviously you cannot take the same approach in relation |
| 9 | distributions in liquidations. | 9 | to the Cork report and the Law Commission in the context |
| 10 | Then, paragraph 178, he says: | 10 | of Bower v Marris. It is one thing to say in the |
| 11 | "I have come to the conclusion ... permissible and | 11 | context of currency conversion claims, the point was |
| 12 | appropriate for the LBIE administrators to apply the | 12 | specifically considered and a clear view reached. That |
| 13 | rules ... provided it can be effected in a way which is | 13 | is not true here. |
| 14 | practical ... in harmony with the applicable legislative | 14 | The Cork report, as we submitted on the last |
| 15 | provisions and principles." | 15 | occasion, did not refer to the principle in |
| 16 | So the first thing is the contributories rule is | 16 | Bower v Marris at all. Equally importantly, what the |
| 17 | extended so it applies not merely in a liquidation but | 17 | Cork report recommended was the adoption of the approach |
| 18 | also in a administration. | 18 | previously taken in bankruptcy. They said, if you |
| 19 | Then, at 180 to 183, at 180 he says: | 19 | remember: we have an existing regime in bankruptcy. We |
| 20 | "I readily accept that if the rule was simply | 20 | can have a debate about whether that regime did or did |
| 21 | applied to a distributing administration in its existing | 21 | not include Bower v Marris. |
| 22 | terms ... easily lead to injustice in the way described | 22 | They said we should apply that to bankruptcy and |
| 23 | in those passages. However, in my view, a potential | 23 | liquidation and have a similar rule for both. Now, the |
| 24 | contributory can be protected if the rule is applied | 24 | one thing we know is that that wasn't what was |
| 25 | with minor procedural modifications to distributing | 25 | subsequently enacted, because, as you know, the |
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| 1 | administrations." | 1 | White Paper added the reference to the rate applicable |
| 2 | So we extend the contributory rule to | 2 | to the debt, apart from the administration. |
| 3 | administration, but because administration differs in | 3 | So not only did the Cork report not consider |
| 4 | other respects from liquidation, we have to make some | 4 | Bower v Marris at all, the Cork report's recommendations |
| 5 | tweaks, but Lord Neuberger explains the reserving | 5 | was not in the end implemented by the legislature, and |
| 6 | approach which needs to be taken at 180. He says at | 6 | we do come back to a point that when you look at the |
| 7 | 183: | 7 | phrase, "rate applicable to the debt apart from the |
| 8 | "LBHI objections to this course have force, but I do | 8 | administration", the natural reaction, as you have seen, |
| 9 | not consider that any of them represents a fatal | 9 | both of Mr Justice David Richards at first instance, |
| 10 | objection, either in law or in practice. It is | 10 | Lord Neuberger in the paragraph of his judgment I showed |
| 11 | perfectly fair to say that there is no legislative | 11 | you, the natural reaction to that phrase is to say it is |
| 12 | mechanism which provides for a reserved fund in | 12 | obvious what that is seeking to do is to give people the |
| 13 | administration, let alone one which is liable to be | 13 | interest which they were otherwise entitled to receive. |
| 14 | handed over to a subsequent liquidator. However ... | 14 | I mention two other points that were plainly |
| 15 | scarcely surprising there is no such mechanism, given | 15 | important in the context of currency conversion claims. |
| 16 | there is no legislative mechanism for the application of | 16 | The first was the hybrid nature of the debt as the |
| 17 | the rule in the first place, even in liquidations. If, | 17 | majority held. Now, that plainly has no similar analogy |
| 18 | as I consider, justice requires extension of the rule to | 18 | in relation to rule 2.88 and interest. |
| 19 | administrations, I see no good reason why it should not | 19 | Secondly -- |
| 20 | be permissible to add a relatively simple procedural | 20 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Why did you say that? |
| 21 | step which is needed to give effect to that extension, | 21 | MR DICKER: Well, the problem -- potential problem -- with |
| 22 | provided, as I say, that it is not inconsistent with any | 22 | currency conversion claims was that you had -- |
| 23 | legislative provision." | 23 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: They have a life outside the regime? |
| 24 | Now, we say if that is permissible in relation to | 24 | MR DICKER: Yes. And we are not saying there is a life |
| 25 | the contributories rule, as the Supreme Court have held | 25 | outside the regime. We accept 2.88 is complete. All we |
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| 1 | are saying is when you construe 2.88 in accordance with | 1 | legislature trying to achieve here. I have made the |
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| 2 | the normal rules of statutory construction -- | 2 | points about the broad thrust of the two limbs of |
| 3 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: You apply Bower v Marris. | 3 | 2.88(9) but one submission I made on the last occasion |
| 4 | MR DICKER: It provides for a method of calculation | 4 | was that nowhere in the judgment of Mr Justice David |
| 5 | consistent with Bower v Marris. | 5 | Richards does he provide any reason why the legislature |
| 6 | The problem with currency conversion claims, as the | 6 | might have thought it appropriate to abolish, as we |
| 7 | majority held, is you have this foreign currency | 7 | would put it, the operation of the rule in |
| 8 | entitlement, you are entitled to prove it. Rule 2.88 -- | 8 | Bower v Marris. |
| 9 | 2.86 says you have to convert it in sterling at the date | 9 | Just a consequence of construction, apparently |
| 10 | of liquidation. There is something, to use | 10 | without underlying reason. |
| 11 | Lord Sumption's words, inherently improbable in the | 11 | That was equally true of Wentworth. Save for |
| 12 | legislature having intended not merely that you can | 12 | a submission in relation to the desirability of |
| 13 | prove it and issue dividends accordingly, but also to | 13 | simplicity, no explanation was given as to why -- |
| 14 | the extent you are unpaid, you have a non-provable claim | 14 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So no principled reason for -- |
| 15 | for the balance. That was the hybrid nature. | 15 | MR DICKER: No principled reason. |
| 16 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: I see. You say that is not reflected | 16 | I think I have already dealt with the points my |
| 17 | in the Bower v Marris type claims? | 17 | learned friend made in relation to Wentworth's |
| 18 | MR DICKER: It is a problem which does not arise in relation | 18 | appropriation argument. |
| 19 | to Bower v Marris. We are concerned solely with the | 19 | In a sense, this simply takes you back to the |
| 20 | meaning of 2.88 . | 20 | situations in which Bower v Marris has been applied in |
| 21 | If, as a matter of construction, 2.88 provides | 21 | the context of a statutory right to interest. |
| 22 | a method of calculation consistent with Bower v Marris, | 22 | My learned friend says Bower v Marris only works if |
| 23 | that is an end of it. | 23 | you have an underlying contractual right to interest. |
| 24 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So it is not as though you have some | 24 | We say -- and he says it doesn't apply if the claim to |
| 25 | sort of contractual claim for damages, because the proof | 25 | interest is a statutory claim. |
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| 1 | of debt -- that the regime didn't give you what was your | 1 | If we are right in relation to section 132 of the |
| 2 | contractual entitlement? | 2 | Bankruptcy Act 1825, if we are right in relation to the |
| 3 | MR DICKER: Absolutely. | 3 | order of 1841 discussed in Whittingstall v Grover, |
| 4 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 4 | Justice Blair was right in Attorney General v Canada, |
| 5 | MR DICKER: We are just saying on item 1, it is a question | 5 | that is a bad point because it has been held to apply in |
| 6 | of construction. It is true that 2.88 doesn't have | 6 | each of those cases which did involve a statutory right |
| 7 | a subparagraph that says: and you calculate it in | 7 | to interest, payable only in the event of a surplus. |
| 8 | accordance with Bower v Marris. | 8 | So far as item 2 is concerned, compound interest, |
| 9 | But nevertheless, properly construed, that is the | 9 | one point -- I think it is a point that York makes in |
| 10 | effect it has. | 10 | its skeleton argument and we made below, is the |
| 11 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So no hybrid nature at all? | 11 | following: if you look at Wentworth's skeleton argument |
| 12 | MR DICKER: No hybrid nature. That problem does not arise. | 12 | paragraph 5.3, and the features that they say make the |
| 13 | The second factor, which obviously influenced the | 13 | application of Bower v Marris inconsistent with rule |
| 14 | majority heavily, was what was called the one-way bet. | 14 | 2.88 , you can make the same points in relation to |
| 15 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: You don't have that? | 15 | compound interest. |
| 16 | MR DICKER: That's not an issue in relation to interest. | 16 | One feature of compound interest is that it is |
| 17 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: It is all downside so far as you are | 17 | effectively interest on interest. Now, my learned |
| 18 | concerned, if Bower v Marris doesn't apply. | 18 | friend in paragraph 5.3 says that is inconsistent with |
| 19 | MR DICKER: It is not even a one-way bet. It is just | 19 | rule 2.88. It says that in the context of item 1. But |
| 20 | a one-way downside, yes. | 20 | in the context of item 2, he accepts that you can have |
| 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: It is not variable? | 21 | compound interest -- in other words interest to |
| 22 | MR DICKER: Correct. | 22 | interest -- out of the surplus. |
| 23 | When one stands back and just asks, again to the | 23 | There is obviously a disagreement as to how long you |
| 24 | extent that it is appropriate to do so in the context of | 24 | can have it. He says it stops once the principal debt |
| 25 | a question of statutory construction: what was the | 25 | has been repaid. But the reality is that when in |
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| 1 | accordance with his calculation, you calculate how much | 1 | not paid, you simply have your normal rights in relation |
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| 2 | interest is payable, on his calculation, you are using | 2 | to non-payment of a sum which you would otherwise have. |
| 3 | the surplus to pay interest on interest, which he says | 3 | So this isn't something outside, as it were, 2.88; it is |
| 4 | is something which is not permitted. | 4 | simply applying ordinary law to the right which the |
| 5 | Item 4, damages for late payment of statutory | 5 | legislature has given you under 2.88(7). |
| 6 | interest, I can take this very shortly. | 6 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So it is outside the administration. |
| 7 | We accept, as I have said, that rule 2.88 is | 7 | It is a claim for damages which you have not proved for. |
| 8 | a complete code. We also say that is not inconsistent | 8 | You just get it later on, do you? Why isn't it outside |
| 9 | with creditors having a claim for damages of late | 9 | 2.88 ? |
| 10 | payment of statutory interest. There are essentially | 10 | MR DICKER: It is a consequence of the right which you have |
| 11 | only two parts to this argument. The first part is that | 11 | been given under 2.88(7). So it is not something, as it |
| 12 | if you look at presumably 2.88(7), we say, as a matter | 12 | were, different from -- it is not like a situation in |
| 13 | of construction, rule 2.88(7) makes it clear that -- | 13 | which you are saying, in relation to currency conversion |
| 14 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: One second, just let me get it out. | 14 | claims, you are entitled to prove for this amount, to |
| 15 | 2.88, subrule 7 ? | 15 | the extent you are unpaid. You have a non-provable |
| 16 | MR DICKER: Yes. Makes it clear that once debt is proved to | 16 | claim for the balance. |
| 17 | have been paid, the surplus is to be applied in paying | 17 | So it is not -- |
| 18 | interest. | 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: It is a new claim, is it? It is |
| 19 | So we say as a matter of construction you will have | 19 | a new claim that arises when? I mean, I'm not clear |
| 20 | to ask when were the proved debts paid? April 2014. | 20 | from your submission -- I am sure it is my fault -- |
| 21 | $2.88(7)$ says that's when the surplus is to be applied. | 21 | whether you are saying that this is a claim within the |
| 22 | Now, if we are right about that, then you can read | 22 | administration or outside the administration. |
| 23 | 2.88 (7) as if it said, in this case: in April 2014 you | 23 | MR DICKER: It is within the administration in the sense |
| 24 | were entitled to payment of $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}$ being whatever amount | 24 | that it is something that obviously needs to be |
| 25 | of statutory interest you were entitled to. | 25 | discharged by the administrator before any sums return |
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| 1 | Now if that sum is not paid, the normal consequence | 1 | to members. It is not inconsistent with the notion of a |
| 2 | as a matter of law is that you have a claim for damages | 2 | complete code. |
| 3 | for late payment, in accordance with Sempra Metals. So | 3 | You can just test it this way. If 2.88(7) had said: |
| 4 | this is not outside rule 2.88. It is simply saying 2.88 | 4 | each creditor is entitled to payment of $£ 100$ by way of |
| 5 | gives you this. Having given you this, the consequences | 5 | interest on 1 April 2014, that sum is not paid. We say |
| 6 | of the normal application of rules to late payment of | 6 | it is not -- there is an obligation to pay it. It is |
| 7 | debts, any debts, include damages for late payment. | 7 | due and payable on that date. If it is not paid, |
| 8 | That's the short point. | 8 | applying normal principles in law, you have a claim for |
| 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: But just looking at subrule 7, it is | 9 | damages for nonpayment of that sum. The point is no |
| 10 | any surplus remaining after payment of the debts proved, | 10 | more complicated than that. |
| 11 | paying interest on those debts. But this is interest on | 11 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: You prove for it or you issue |
| 12 | interest, is it? | 12 | proceedings and freeze the funds? |
| 13 | No, it is damages, you say? You are saying it is | 13 | MR DICKER: That is the standard issue in relation to this |
| 14 | not interest, or are you saying it is interest? You are | 14 | case. The reality is the administrator would need to |
| 15 | saying it is damages for the failure to pay interest? | 15 | discharge it, because the Supreme Court says -- |
| 16 | MR DICKER: As I say, this part of the argument has two | 16 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes, it is a liability. |
| 17 | parts. The first is the question of construction: do | 17 | MR DICKER: Otherwise you can't return any surplus, final |
| 18 | you construe 2.88(7) as essentially saying that this is | 18 | surplus to members. But as Mr Justice David Richards |
| 19 | the date when statutory interest is to be paid; this is | 19 | said in T\&N, procedurally if that doesn't happen, one |
| 20 | when it becomes due and payable. That is limb one. | 20 | remedy you have is to apply for the statutory stay to be |
| 21 | It is a question of construction. We are either | 21 | listed and commence proceedings. The net result is the |
| 22 | right or wrong in relation to our arguments on | 22 | same. |
| 23 | construction. | 23 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: I'm just at a loss to understand why |
| 24 | The second point is if it provides that it is due | 24 | it is not a claim outside the rules. It is a separate, |
| 25 | and payable at that date, we say at that stage if it is | 25 | as it were, non-provable claim. |
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| 1 | MR DICKER: This may be a terminological thing. | 1 | not having paid proved debts at an earlier date. That |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: It may be. | 2 | is absolutely right and we don't. |
| 3 | MR DICKER: The way we would put it is the existence of such | 3 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: But the basis upon which interest is |
| 4 | a claim is not inconsistent with the notion that rule | 4 | payable on proved debts prior to payment is simply |
| 5 | 2.88 provides a complete code. | 5 | a statutory right to interest. It is not some form of |
| 6 | The reason it is not inconsistent is because it is | 6 | compensation. |
| 7 | no more than a consequence of the rights which we say, | 7 | MR DICKER: That is why the question of construction arises |
| 8 | as a matter of construction, rule 2.88(7) gives you. | 8 | in relation to 2.88(7). |
| 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Right, I see. | 9 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: Yes. |
| 10 | MR DICKER: There is one further point. In its reply | 10 | MR DICKER: As I say, the argument of construction is either |
| 11 | skeleton, Wentworth contends that if such a claim -- | 11 | right or wrong. We say that is what the effect of |
| 12 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: Just before you go, I am still in | 12 | 2.88 (7) as a matter of construction -- and if we are |
| 13 | slight difficulty in trying to work out how 2.88(7) | 13 | right about that, then the mere fact that the |
| 14 | clearly provides a due date which I think you are saying | 14 | administrators can't themselves be criticised doesn't |
| 15 | is the date of the payment of the last chunk of | 15 | take the matter any further. |
| 16 | principal, because a surplus may arise later, or at | 16 | Now, just to orientate one's self, it is important |
| 17 | least it may become something you can use for a payment | 17 | obviously to bear in mind that if Bower v Marris |
| 18 | later. There may be, let's say, very large scale | 18 | applies, and/or compound interest is payable for the |
| 19 | outstanding litigation against an alleged debtor of the | 19 | full period, then this item either disappears or at |
| 20 | company, which is a chose in action which has not yet | 20 | least becomes very considerably less important. |
| 21 | been turned into money. There may be all sorts of | 21 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Sorry, will you say that again? |
| 22 | reasons why a surplus doesn't actually convert into | 22 | MR DICKER: If interest is calculated in accordance with |
| 23 | something which can be paid until a date quite possibly | 23 | Bower v Marris -- |
| 24 | long after the payment of the last amount of principle, | 24 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. |
| 25 | and/or further surplus may arise in due course. | 25 | MR DICKER: -- this issue effectively disappears. |
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| 1 | I'm slightly jibbing at your notion that there is | 1 | Similarly -- |
| 2 | some sense of lateness if you accept your due date as | 2 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: In arithmetic terms? |
| 3 | the date when the last payment of principal is made. | 3 | MR DICKER: Yes. Similarly for those entitled to compound |
| 4 | MR DICKER: I accept that. There may be questions as to how | 4 | interest, again, if they are entitled to it, then, |
| 5 | you calculate the damages in the event that such a claim | 5 | again, this issue effectively disappears. Put it |
| 6 | exists. It is not an issue in this case, we say, | 6 | another way, this was effectively the last argument we |
| 7 | because as we say we know that proved debts were paid, | 7 | had if every other argument failed. We don't need it if |
| 8 | as we understand it, in April 2014, and that is the | 8 | the others succeed. |
| 9 | position. But I don't think I can take -- | 9 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: We are not using the words "last |
| 10 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: We know when the proved debts were | 10 | ditch" or anything? |
| 11 | paid. The question is what time was surplus really | 11 | MR DICKER: No, merely logically last. |
| 12 | available -- I can see some, as it were, underlying | 12 | There is one further point I just do need to deal |
| 13 | commercial sense in identifying some concept of a right | 13 | with briefly. In its reply skeleton argument, Wentworth |
| 14 | to compensation payment where the administrators simply | 14 | contends that if such a claim exists, it has been |
| 15 | have a lot of money and sit on it and don't do anything | 15 | compromised by the CRA and the CDDs. |
| 16 | with it. Perhaps a rather unreal scenario. Normally | 16 | My learned friend made the same point on his feet |
| 17 | the reason they don't do something is either because it | 17 | this morning and suggested it is common ground. It is |
| 18 | consists of choses in action which have not yet been | 18 | not for this simple reason: so far as we are aware, this |
| 19 | turned into money, or because there is a issue about who | 19 | was not something which Wentworth previously argued. |
| 20 | should get it which requires them to sit on it until the | 20 | I will just give you the reference. It is Wentworth's |
| 21 | court is told who to pay it to, which is this case, | 21 | original skeleton paragraph 46. Bundle A1, tab 16, |
| 22 | I suspect. | 22 | page 20. |
| 23 | MR DICKER: The answer to that may be this: if you go back | 23 | I can deal with the point -- |
| 24 | to the position in relation to proved debts, one might | 24 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Do you want us to go there? |
| 25 | say, well, you can't criticise the administrators for | 25 | MR DICKER: I don't think it is necessary, because I can |
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| 1 | deal with the point fairly shortly. | 1 | an existing underlying right. |
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| 2 | We say that such a claim is unaffected by those | 2 | We say, properly understood, that is not a problem, |
| 3 | documents for this reason: those documents, it is common | 3 | because Bower v Marris is not dependent on the |
| 4 | ground, preserve a right to interest under 2.88 . We say | 4 | continuing existence of an underlying right. It is |
| 5 | if they preserve that right -- in other words, if you | 5 | a rule of calculation applied in relation to an |
| 6 | are entitled to say, "I'm due statutory interest, I have | 6 | insolvent fund. You don't need such a right because you |
| 7 | not waived it, I have not given it up", we say equally | 7 | can see that from section 132 of the Bankruptcy Act -- |
| 8 | you must be entitled to complain if you are not paid it | 8 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: You go back to your 132 |
| 9 | and if, in accordance with the statutory scheme, you | 9 | Attorney General of Canada line. |
| 10 | have a claim for damages for non-payment, equally that's | 10 | MR DICKER: Absolutely. That's why I say if you are with us |
| 11 | something which you haven't given up either, essentially | 11 | on that, then those effectively answer the point, and |
| 12 | because it is parasitic on the right that you preserved. | 12 | there is no need to decide the debate between |
| 13 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 13 | Lord Neuberger and Lord Sumption. I just wanted to make |
| 14 | MR DICKER: Finally, in relation to item 1, 2 and 4, there | 14 | it clear that if, for whatever reason during the course |
| 15 | is obviously a debate between the majority in the | 15 | of your thinking it did become necessary, our submission |
| 16 | Supreme Court and the minority, as to what was described | 16 | would be that Lord Sumption is right in his description |
| 17 | as the "wider approach". | 17 | of the way the statutory scheme operates. |
| 18 | The majority inclining to the view, as we understand | 18 | But as my Lord -- |
| 19 | it, that the statutory scheme effectively replaces your | 19 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: How can we go with that if the |
| 20 | underlying contractual rights; Lord Sumption saying the | 20 | majority agreed with Lord Neuberger? |
| 21 | matter is procedural. | 21 | MR DICKER: Well, both only expressed provisional views. |
| 22 | It is possible, depending how the court's analysis | 22 | Both were careful only to express provisional views. |
| 23 | goes in deciding these issues, that that debate may | 23 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: What, it is obiter or provisional? |
| 24 | conceivably become relevant. If it is, we say | 24 | MR DICKER: Provisional at most. I'm not even sure it is an |
| 25 | Lord Sumption was correct for the reasons he gave. It | 25 | obiter view, in the sense that it is not a concluded |
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| 1 | is plain, we say, statutory scheme has always been | 1 | view. |
| 2 | understood to operate in the way that he described. | 2 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: We are not bound by the majority. |
| 3 | Essentially, you have a bunch of assets which become | 3 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: You say it is all provisional outside |
| 4 | subject to a statutory trust in accordance with | 4 | the effect of rule 2.88 ? |
| 5 | Payerst(?), and the rules are all about how those assets | 5 | MR DICKER: Correct. |
| 6 | are distributed, either in bankruptcy or liquidation, | 6 | The only other item which we address in our written |
| 7 | and it has no impact, as Lord Hoffmann said in White v | 7 | submissions concerns item 11, foreign judgment rates of |
| 8 | Akar(?) on the underlying claims. | 8 | interest, and there is nothing I wish to say to what we |
| 9 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: But the particular submissions you | 9 | have said in writing. |
| 10 | made are all based upon an interpretation of the | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Right. |
| 11 | statutory scheme and the things that flow from it, as | 11 | MR DICKER: Unless I can assist you further. |
| 12 | I understand it. | 12 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: No. Thank you very much indeed, |
| 13 | MR DICKER: Correct. | 13 | Mr Dicker. |
| 14 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: So you say you don't need to go there? | 14 | It is Mr Smith, is it, next? |
| 15 | MR DICKER: We say, certainly if you are with us, you don't | 15 | MR SMITH: My Lady, we don't have anything to add to |
| 16 | need to go there. | 16 | Mr Dicker's submissions, which we very gratefully adopt. |
| 17 | LORD JUSTICE BRIGGS: If I'm against you, why should I go | 17 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Thank you very much. Mr Bayfield? |
| 18 | anywhere? I'm not sure it makes a difference whether | 18 | MR BAYFIELD: The parties have taken the available arguments |
| 19 | I'm with you or not, unless you have some further | 19 | and we have no submissions of our own to make. |
| 20 | argument up your sleeve, which is not being deployed, | 20 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Thank you very much. Mr Zacaroli? |
| 21 | about the reversion to your contractual rights. | 21 | Reply submissions by MR ZACAROLI |
| 22 | MR DICKER: No. I think the area where it might conceivably | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Briefly by way of reply, if I may, first of |
| 23 | play a part -- and I think my learned friend hinted at | 23 | all, my learned friend referred to the fact that there |
| 24 | this during his submissions -- is in the context of the | 24 | is no escape hatch of a non-provable claim, as being in |
| 25 | notion of appropriation. In other words, the need for | 25 | some way relevant to the court's determination of the |
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| 1 | meaning of rule 2.88 . We say that is utterly | 1 | gets a flat rate at the end. Bower v Marris was not |
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| 2 | irrelevant, and the points I took my Lords to in the | 2 | concerned in any way with that statutory right to |
| 3 | Supreme Court judgment about there is no a priori where | 3 | interest; merely the part which says you go back to your |
| 4 | you must approach this on the basis, you must include | 4 | contractual rights, if it was dealing with that at all. |
| 5 | (inaudible) rights or else they will be lost, just is | 5 | So to that extent, yes, we would accept that if in |
| 6 | not there. So that is a irrelevant point. | 6 | bankruptcy you had a remission to contractual rights |
| 7 | Secondly, he referred to Lord Neuberger at | 7 | prior to 1883, Bower v Marris would apply, because it is |
| 8 | paragraph 53 of the Supreme Court judgment, where he | 8 | all about the case where you get remitted to contractual |
| 9 | referred to section 189.2, confirming that he would | 9 | rights. But our point is that in no case, other than |
| 10 | normally expect interest contractually payable to be | 10 | the Canadian case, has the court in an insolvency |
| 11 | within the rule. His Lordship was clearly not | 11 | context applied Bower v Marris to the construction of |
| 12 | purporting to analyse or decide in any way to what | 12 | a statutory regime for paying statutory interest. It |
| 13 | extent contractual rights of creditors were included | 13 | has never been done. |
| 14 | within rule 2.88(9). Our position, as you know from the | 14 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: What do you say about Mr Dicker's |
| 15 | main appeal, is the reference to the rate at which it | 15 | point, that you have put forward no principled reason |
| 16 | would have been applicable apart from administration is | 16 | for the non-application of the rule in the context of |
| 17 | all that is included. So all the legislature did was | 17 | 2.88 ? |
| 18 | say Judgment Act rate or if the rate is higher than in | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: The principal reason is as follows: the |
| 19 | your contract, you can have that rate. There is no | 19 | legislature in 1986 decided to incorporate a blanket |
| 20 | greater incorporation for contractual rights and nothing | 20 | rule of payment of what it is calling its statutory |
| 21 | Lord Neuberger said can be in any way impinging on that. | 21 | interest, to all creditors, whether they had |
| 22 | My learned friend gave you an example of a contract | 22 | a contractual right to interest or not. |
| 23 | where he said that the interest is payable for the | 23 | So it is creating a new right for interest for some |
| 24 | period the debt is outstanding. It doesn't help at all | 24 | creditors they never had. It is creating a blanket rule |
| 25 | to try and posit what the answer might be to the | 25 | to recognise the common misfortune all those creditors |
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| 1 | question of Bower v Marris applying to any contract. | 1 | suffer by the time taken to distribute assets in the |
| 2 | All that does is raise another issue of contractual | 2 | estate. It is essentially starting with a blank piece |
| 3 | construction. | 3 | of paper -- |
| 4 | We know that Bower v Marris is susceptible to | 4 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: So the scheme ousts the equitable |
| 5 | a different interpretation in the contract. Parties can | 5 | principle. |
| 6 | contractually agree the interest payment any way they | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: The equitable principle has no room. It is |
| 7 | like. It really doesn't help to say: if there was | 7 | not that it ousts it; it has no room -- |
| 8 | a contract which said this, the answer would be the | 8 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: For operation within the scheme. |
| 9 | same. It takes the court nowhere. | 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. The principle is: it is a common |
| 10 | My learned friend repeated the submissions he made | 10 | misfortune, let's just identify a rate, a way of |
| 11 | throughout the main appeal, that it is common ground | 11 | calculating interest which is fair to everyone in the |
| 12 | that Bower v Marris applied in bankruptcy. I did, | 12 | insolvency state -- |
| 13 | I think, stand up and correct him in my reply on the | 13 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Overall, simplicity and ease of |
| 14 | main appeal. | 14 | management of what is a rough and ready fairness-for-all |
| 15 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Yes. | 15 | scheme. |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: To the extent that Bower v Marris is to be | 16 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. Yes. |
| 17 | interpreted -- which is doubtful in itself -- as saying | 17 | The other point on my learned friend on this common |
| 18 | that the statutory provision in section 132, to the | 18 | ground, is we say he fell into the trap which the |
| 19 | extent that it remitted you to your contractual right to | 19 | Supreme Court says you should not fall into, of trying |
| 20 | interest, to the extent it said in that context | 20 | to construe rule 2.88 by reference to how a case back in |
| 21 | Bower v Marris applies, we would agree. But that says | 21 | 1841 construed section 132 of the 1825 Act. That is |
| 22 | nothing about any statutory right to interest. That is | 22 | clearly an impermissible exercise. We are looking here |
| 23 | just a remission to your contractual rights. | 23 | at the 1986 rules and we should start and finish with |
| 24 | Section 132 operated first of all that if you have | 24 | those. |
| 25 | a contractual right, you get it and anybody else just | 25 | My learned friend says there is no difference |
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| 1 | between Bower v Marris and Cherry v Boultbee in the | 1 | were waived or released by the CDDs or CRAs undoubtedly |
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| 2 | sense that they are general principles of equitable -- | 2 | covers this remaining corner, as it were, of those |
| 3 | equitable principles, fundamental principles that apply | 3 | non-provable claims; that is the non-provable claims |
| 4 | and should apply to the insolvency regime. We say that | 4 | interest on interest. |
| 5 | is absurd. There is absolutely no correlation between | 5 | We say you don't need to get there because it |
| 6 | something like the rule in Cherry v Boultbee and the | 6 | doesn't exist, but if it did, it has been waived. |
| 7 | so-called principle in Bower v Marris as properly | 7 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Right. |
| 8 | understood. | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: Unless I can assist any further, those are my |
| 9 | I won't repeat the submissions I have made at length | 9 | submissions. |
| 10 | on that, but we say it is an absurd proposition. It has | 10 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Thank you all very much and for |
| 11 | only ever been regarded as an aspect of contractual | 11 | reconvening again at such short notice. Obviously we |
| 12 | rights, and where creditors have remitted to those | 12 | will reserve our judgments. We will circulate the draft |
| 13 | contractual rights, it is an aspect of them which they | 13 | judgments or judgment in the normal way for minor |
| 14 | get in calculating in that context. It is clearly not | 14 | factual and minor typographical errors. It is not an |
| 15 | a rule of calculation that applies under a statute. | 15 | opportunity to reargue, obviously. |
| 16 | We make this point in our written submissions. The | 16 | Nobody need turn up for the formal hand-down of the |
| 17 | court -- | 17 | judgment. We would hope that you would be able to agree |
| 18 | LADY JUSTICE GLOSTER: Not in your latest written | 18 | any consequentials between the parties. If you can't |
| 19 | submissions? | 19 | agree any consequentials, or the form of the order, the |
| 20 | MR ZACAROLI: It is in our original supplemental | 20 | likelihood is that the court will decide any |
| 21 | submissions, so we have done a first-hand reply. It is | 21 | outstandings on the papers. |
| 22 | our first submissions in this round. | 22 | Thank you very much indeed. |
| 23 | We make the point that courts operate by way of | 23 | ( 12.15 pm ) |
| 24 | respecting and giving effect to the rights of parties. | 24 | (The hearing concluded. Judgment reserved.) |
| 25 | The statute tells you what interest is provided for post | 25 |  |
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| 1 | administration debts period. You look to the statute to | 1 | I N D E X |
| 2 | work out how much interest is payable. The rule in | 2 | Submissions by MR ZACAROLI ......................... 1 |
| 3 | Bower v Marris, so far as it exists at all, is simply | 3 | Submissions by MR DICKER ........................ 23 |
| 4 | giving effect to rights of creditors in relation to | 4 | Reply submissions by MR ZACAROLI .................. 60 |
| 5 | their right to appropriate. That is all it is. It is | 5 |  |
| 6 | not a rule which says you must calculate interest in | 6 |  |
| 7 | this way or that way. You look to the statute for that. | 7 |  |
| 8 | Finally, on issue or item 4, I won't repeat the | 8 |  |
| 9 | points we made in writing on why there is no such thing | 9 |  |
| 10 | as a further non-provable claim to interest by way of | 10 |  |
| 11 | damages on the Sempra Metals model, but on the question | 11 |  |
| 12 | of waiver, the issue before the judge on this is very | 12 |  |
| 13 | broadly stated at the supplemental judgment of | 13 |  |
| 14 | Mr Justice David Richards, which you will find in | 14 |  |
| 15 | bundle 2 at part A, paragraph 56. I will read the | 15 |  |
| 16 | issue. It is: | 16 |  |
| 17 | "Whether to the extent that a creditor has | 17 |  |
| 18 | a non-provable claim for interest, such non-provable | 18 |  |
| 19 | claim has been released under the terms of the CRA | 19 |  |
| 20 | and/or a CDD and if so, whether the administrator ... | 20 |  |
| 21 | not to enforce such a release." | 21 |  |
| 22 | We understood that any and all non-provable claims | 22 |  |
| 23 | for interest which could be imagined were within that | 23 |  |
| 24 | issue, and therefore we take the view that the judge's | 24 |  |
| 25 | decision below that non-provable claims for interest | 25 |  |
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