

A Statement From R. J. Stewart, July 2014

From time to time Ms Josephine Dunne/McCarthy has claimed, on-line, that she either wrote, developed, or taught me, the Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation ® basic modules and/or content of my workshops and classes that I have been both teaching and publishing since the 1980s. As these classes started in Britain and the USA some five years before we met, her claims are untruthful and untenable.

My short statement here is followed by excerpts from statements by witnesses who repudiate her unsubstantiated claims. Due to the growing number of statements received refuting Ms Dunne/McCarthy's claims, I have reduced the size and number of statements quoted, archiving all evidence for the future. Full statements, plus others not quoted here, are freely available on request.

Here is why Ms Dunne/McCarthy cannot prove her various claims to my work:

1 For Ms Dunne/McCarthy to claim a copyright interest in the original Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation ® modules, she would have to conclusively prove that she had written them all prior to 1987 when I started teaching the ITIC material in Britain, and thereafter in the USA from 1988. (See witness statements below for dates and content of my classes).

Ms Dunne/McCarthy and I did not meet until the early 1990s four to five years after I first taught the ITIC basics; for several years she attended my workshops where many people witnessed her as a beginner. With witnesses, workshop content, texts and fliers all confirming my copyright and her role, she cannot substantiate any claim on the Inner Temples/Inner Convocation modules and content.

To be clear: Ms Dunne/McCarthy cannot believably claim to have written developed or taught to me, material that I was teaching publicly and publishing in Britain and the USA at least four years before we met. Many people bear witness to the fact that she, with other students, learned the basic material from me during our time together in the 1990s.

3 From the mid to late 1990s, working alongside more experienced group members and assistant teachers, Ms Dunne/McCarthy joined with me in presenting basic Inner Temple workshops. Many witnesses saw this; it has always been acknowledged by me, as we were married at the time.

She did not, however, write or develop the ITIC modules, which remained unchanged apart from minor amendments in printed editions from 1988 before we met, to 2001 after we parted. From 2001 substantial new material has been added in both books and classes. Stability of content was built into the original 1987- 2001 program to ensure that new groups were all working with the same material. The same basic ITIC modules remain in continuous use to this day; they are freely available on my websites, and in my books and audio recordings. Groups have been working continuously with the ITIC modules that I created for some thirty years.

4 Ms Dunne/McCarthy made no claim on the Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation® material during our marital settlement of 2000 and our uncontested divorce of 2001. All documents were witnessed, notarized, and ratified by the court.

5 Curator for the workshop calendar and fliers in the 1990s up to year 2000 was Mr George Pichowsky. His website, *The Lighthouse*, published numerous copyright notices in my name, with dates, year by year. These archived items cannot be changed and are available on the *Way Back Machine* at: <https://archive.org/web/>

Mr Pichowsky kindly sent me this short statement referring to the nine years in which he worked with ITIC groups and curated the website:

“I never once heard any claim that Josephine wrote this material”.
George Pichowsky.

6 Each time Ms Dunne/McCarthy has made untruthful claims, people have come forward with statements repudiating her claims. One such statement, dated November 13th 2013, was sent by Ms Phillippa Keeling, who managed authors in the USA, including my teaching tours before I met Josephine Dunne/McCarthy. I had not heard from Ms Keeling for fourteen years; her statement is typical of many that I have received.

Ms Keeling writes:

“I am quite shocked that there should be any question as to who wrote your Inner Temple or Priest/Priestess work....When I first attended workshops in Bath in the late 1980s the work had already begun and I remember you ordaining/consecrating me there as a Priestess. When I moved to NY/CT in 1987 and brought you over to the US to do some workshops in the early 1990s that work was already being taught and there was no doubt in my mind that the direction, inspiration and knowledge came directly from you.”

Philippa Keeling, November 13th, 2013.

Excerpts from statements by students, witnesses, authors, and fellow teachers, can be read below. The full and detailed statements from which these excerpts come, plus others not shown here, are freely available on request.

Yours Sincerely,

R J Stewart, July 2014

Here follow 12 short excerpts from statements by British and American authors, experts, students, assistant teachers, and general witnesses.

1 “To my certain knowledge, the Inner Temples and Inner Convocation work, which forms an important major part of R.J.Stewart's long-term program of teaching, were originated by him, and not by Josephine (McCarthy).” *Caitlin Matthews 2005/2013.*

2 “I can find no sensible grounds for the claims (to copyright) made regarding this material as it appears on (Ms. Dunne's/ McCarthy's) website.” *John Matthews, 2005/2013.*

3 “ - it would seem to me to be highly misleading to think that she had as major an input as she appears to believe in a body of teaching that is

manifestly his life`s work and which he had been developing for at least 25 years before they met.” *Gareth Knight 5th June 2005.*

4 “...I participated in several workshops with you (from 1993) before you started working with Josephine. In those workshops, you taught and guided visualizations and meditations where we participated in the Timeless Convocation of Priests and Priestesses.” *Jill S. Stockwell, June 2013.*

5 “I remember clearly in the early days of our working together, starting in 1988...I remember the Inner Temples, the Convocation, the Library, and how much those workings meant to me. They were definitely in place before Josephine ever showed up on the scene...” *Kathleen Adkins, May 2013.*

6 “ I am surprised that she would make such assertions and attempt to claim copyright on Inner Temple Traditions, since it is clear to all of us who have worked with this material for many years that there is no evidence to support her claims and in short, they are inaccurate and preposterous...” *Orion Foxwood, 2005/2013.*

7 “There was no mention of Josephine as an originator of any of the Priest and Priestess meditational material, the Inner Convocation material or the Inner Temple Traditions. In addition, RJ's exclusive copyright was always referenced on all Four Temples/Inner Convocation printed matter...” *Frank Gerace, Sheryl Wanner 2005/2013.*

8 “ I never once heard any claim that Josephine wrote this material”. *George Pichowsky, 2005.*

9 “...I attended the Inner Temple Traditions/ Inner Convocation series that began in Maryland in 1994. ..I can confirm that this was taught by RJ Stewart, and that all students were formally advised in class and in support material that he wrote this material.” *Jake Archer 2005, 2013.*

10 “Josephine’s claim upon this work appeared no earlier than February of 2005, then after a hiatus of eight years again in May 2013. I have read Josephine’s statements on her website and can confirm that they are inaccurate and misleading.” *H.R.Shaw June 2005, May 2013.*

11 “ There is no doubt that Josephine taught classes with R.J. in the mid to late 1990s, and there is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that the class content was written by him and the copyright formally claimed by him typically on paper and verbally at every class.” *Kevin Jennings May 2013.*

12 “ I can testify to the fact that the Inner Temple Traditions Inner Convocation work was always without exception presented at the various workshops as being R J Stewart’s work which he had created and written.” *Dr. Rodney Karr , 2005.*

Full versions of these and other statements not previously published are freely available on request.