

Felipe Massa's Conspiracy Claim Against Formula 1, Bernie Ecclestone and the FIA to Proceed to Trial

London, 20 November 2025 – In a major victory for justice and transparency in sport, the Honourable Mr Justice Jay has today delivered a detailed judgment refusing the Defendants' applications to strike out Felipe Massa's core conspiracy claim.

Mr Massa alleges that Formula One Management Limited (FOM), Mr Bernie Ecclestone and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) deliberately conspired to conceal the intentional nature of Nelson Piquet Jr's crash at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix. Had the truth been investigated and acted upon in 2008, the Singapore result would have been annulled – and Felipe Massa would have been crowned the 2008 Formula 1 World Champion.

The Defendants launched an all-out bid to halt the case before it could begin. After meticulously reviewing every argument, the Court has decisively rejected their efforts on the key issues and ruled that the conspiracy claim has a real prospect of success. It must now proceed to full trial.

"This is a tremendous victory – a great day for me, for justice, and for everyone who loves Formula 1. The Court has seen the strength of my case and refused to let the Defendants silence the truth about 2008. That deliberate crash stole the World Championship from me, and those in power chose to cover it up rather than stand for the sport's integrity. They did everything possible to stop this case, but our fight is for fairness and today we have won. The truth will prevail at trial. We will leave no stone unturned. Every document, every communication, every piece of evidence about conspiracy between the Defendants will be brought forward. I am more determined and confident than ever: when the full facts are laid bare, justice will be done – for me, for the Brazilians, for the tifosi, for all motorsport fans, who deserve an honest sport, and for the future of Formula 1. I want to thank my outstanding legal team for their brilliant work and unwavering belief in this case, my family for their love and support every step of the way, and to God, who guided us and never let me lose my faith. Together we will see this through to the end", said Massa.

The full text of the judgment is available on the Judiciary website ([judiciary.gov.uk](https://www.judiciary.gov.uk)) and, within a few hours of hand-down, on the websites of Bailii ([bailii.org](https://www.bailii.org)) and the National Archive (<https://caselaw.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>).