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Anthony Cardew, Michael Mansfield QC,
Sister Helen Prejean and the Lime
Committee request the pleasure of
your company at Lime.

Date: Thursday 30th September 2004

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: The Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly,
London W1

Dress code: Black tie

Programme:

7.30pm: Champagne reception

8.30pm: Dinner

Over coffee: Sister Helen Prejean
(author of 'Dead Man Walking')

After dinner: Auction (conducted by
Hugh Edmeades, Chairman, Christie's,
South Kensington)

Followed by: Dancing

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“I have yet to see a death case among the dozens coming to the Supreme Court on eve-of-execution applications in which the defendant was well represented at trial.”

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg (2001)

Judy Haney’s court-appointed lawyer was so drunk during the trial that he was held in contempt and sent to jail. The following day, once he was released from the cell block, the trial resumed. This lawyer failed to introduce clear evidence of battered wife syndrome, and Judy Haney received a death sentence.

“How many more cases of wrongful conviction have to occur before we can all agree that the system is broken?” *Governor George Ryan (2003)*

“The US will be joining hands with such countries as Iran, Iraq, Bangladesh, Nigeria and Pakistan in approving death sentences for children.” *Domingues – Nevada*

Adam Harrison, Jnr, an African American, received a sentence of death after being represented by an 83 year old lawyer – who had been an Imperial Wizard of the Klu Klux Klan for over 15 years.

A lawyer slept through his client’s case, claiming that it was “boring”. The Judge said: “The Constitution doesn’t say the lawyer has to be awake.” *McFarland – Texas*

“There is little doubt that the death penalty is imposed on those who are poor, black or mentally ill.” *Former US President Jimmy Carter (2002)*

The main prosecution identification witness stated: “All blacks look alike to me, but the lawyers say he did it and that’s good enough for me.” *Darden – Florida*

In the case of Kenny Richey (a British man sentenced to death in Ohio in 1986), the prosecutor said: “Even though the new evidence may establish Mr Richey’s innocence, the Ohio and United States constitutions nevertheless allow him to be executed because the prosecution did not know that the scientific testimony offered at trial was false and unreliable.”