

“Promoting access to human rights
and justice for all”

LIME

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

- The inaugural LIME was held in London in September 2004, and was attended by senior representatives from the legal profession (major City law firms and leading chambers), financial institutions (investment banking, insurance and accountancy) and industry (including FTSE-100)
- Since LIME 2004, Amicus has placed 53 interns in the US – with another 11 placements already arranged for summer 2007 onwards. Amicus has extended its training programme into the regions – training over 500 people in preparation for internships and UK-based casework – and held a variety of national awareness-raising events



"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 death penalty is around four times more likely to be imposed on the poor rather than the better-off
- A black defendant charged with killing a white victim is 4.3 times more likely to receive the death penalty than a white person charged with killing a black victim
- 68% of death penalty cases between 1973 and 1995 were subsequently reversed on appeal. However, in 1995, US Congress withdrew a significant proportion of appeal funding and, in 1996, the Federal Government introduced legislation to severely curtail the appeal process



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...we have or are provided with the appropriate resources

"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, US Supreme Court (2001)

Amicus promotes the relief of suffering and distress for those who, for reasons of their poverty, are in need of legal or other assistance to ensure the preservation of their rights of appeal. The charity assists in the provision of legal representation – largely through placing UK interns in US law offices for between three to 18 months, and through UK-based case work – for those awaiting capital trial and punishment in the US, or any other country, and it raises awareness of potential abuses of human rights



...can efficiently reallocate resources through:

- **Internships** : We arrange volunteer placements with US capital defence attorneys' offices, typically for periods of three to 18 months
- **Training** : We run a comprehensive training programme in US criminal law and procedure, legal research, evidence and professional conduct, equipping interns to be of most use to an office on arrival. The training is available for any intern going to the US (including those not being placed by Amicus) and for UK-based volunteer case workers
- **Case work** : UK-based lawyers for Amicus prepare *amicus curiae* briefs for presentation to courts (including up to the US Supreme Court) on specific issues, and they draft motions and applications for capital defence attorneys across the US for use both before and during trials and appeals and for applications to the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights. Recent examples include the execution of juveniles and the mentally retarded and the treatment of juries and rules of evidence
- **Raising awareness** : We hold events, across the UK, to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the application of the death penalty in the US
- **Legal education** : Three recipients of some Amicus funding have completed US legal education and are practising full-time as capital defence attorneys



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

- LIME 2007 is hosted by Anthony Cardew (Cardew Group), Michael Mansfield, QC (Tooks Chambers), Sister Helen Prejean (author, 'Dead Man Walking') and the LIME Committee
- LIME 2007 marks Amicus' 15 year anniversary, and follows on from LIME 2004 which raised essential funds to extend Amicus' activities (as summarised on Slide 2). In addition to the planned expansion of our work, Amicus' members travelled to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to assist our contacts there at a time when many of their own staff were unable to return to work
- LIME 2007 will enable us to continue to provide vital legal assistance going forward



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Founder, BBDO, Inc.*



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

- A unique platform to reach a captive audience of up to 450 senior representatives from the legal profession, financial institutions and industry
- Affiliation with this event will demonstrate support for the active promotion of human rights, and an opportunity to participate in national media coverage
- An outstanding opportunity for corporate entertainment at the prestigious Dorchester hotel, with great entertainment and a fabulous auction



A lawyer slept through his client's case, claiming it was "boring". The Judge said: "The Constitution doesn't say the lawyer has to be awake." Judge Doug Shaver during the trial of George McFarland, Texas (1996)

- Opportunities include sponsoring the Champagne Reception, the Dinner, the after-dinner Bar and the Band – or the whole event
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- Sponsorship opportunities range from £8,000 to £40,000, with an 'early-bird' discount available for those agreed by mid-August 2007



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