

Amicus

Assisting Lawyers for
Justice on Death Row

An Introduction to the US Death Penalty

Training Day | 14 January 2006 | Manchester

Amicus is a UK charity that provides assistance to individuals on death row: this is done by sending lawyers and law graduates on internships to assist capital defenders in the USA; providing casework assistance from the UK by drafting motions, briefs and other research for US lawyers; and providing training to UK lawyers and students on how to assist in this work. Further information about our work is available from www.amicus-alj.org.

Due to the interest in our work shown by people living outside London, Amicus has developed a research project that can be undertaken both by regional groups of lawyers, law graduates and law students. Research briefs will focus on specific issues, to be used by those undertaking placements with US offices and also by those doing casework in the UK. In addition, the research will provide an opportunity to obtain legal research experience for anyone considering later undertaking a placement in the US.

To ensure that anyone interested in participating in this research has a basic understanding of the US legal system as it relates to the death penalty, Amicus is arranging an Introductory Training Day to be held at BPP Law School on Saturday 14 January (Please note that if you wish to undertake an internship you would have to also attend our full training course, as detailed on www.amicus-alj.org).

The Training Day will consist of a series of lectures by Mark George, a barrister at Garden Court North in Manchester and Dave Keefe of the University of Central England. The lectures will take place from 1pm to 5:20pm. Handouts will be provided and if people express an interest in a particular issue raised it may be possible to arrange for speakers on specific topics in the future. Please note that refreshments will only be provided for those obtaining CPD points; feel free to bring drinks and snacks with you for breaks.

Anyone wishing to attend the Training Day can do so by returning the booking form and cheque to Amicus as soon as possible. Although the Amicus office is closed for Christmas and both email and telephone queries will receive an auto-reply, please be assured that we will be checking the post during the closure and will confirm receipt of cheques.

The course is registered for 3 CPD hours with the Bar Council and the Law Society.

The training session will take place at BPP Law School, 79 Oxford Street, Manchester.

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