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Programme:
7.30pm: Champagne reception
8.15pm: Dinner

Over coffee: Sister Helen Prejean (author of ‘Dead Man Walking’ and ‘The Death of Innocents’) and Ray Krone, former death row inmate

After dinner: Auction conducted by Kate McKenzie and Tom Best (Christie’s)

Followed by: Dancing

1.00am: Carriages

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Key Speakers

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Why Lime is so important

We are delighted that you have joined us tonight to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the charity, and to help us raise desperately needed funds to enable us to continue our work.

And, we should like to thank our patrons, speakers and distinguished guests who are with us this evening: their valuable support enhances greatly the contribution we make when assisting lawyers for justice on death row.

Little did Andrew Lee Jones and Jane Officer know how significant their private pen-friendship would become: Jane’s commitment to Andrew that his name would live on led her to found The Andrew Lee Jones Fund in 1992, initially assisting around five interns a year to work pro bono in a couple of US capital defense offices. Today, we place 25 to 35 interns a year in over 20 offices; we draw on the services of over 200 UK-based volunteers to undertake a variety of casework projects; we train over 400 people a year in the essentials of US capital law, enabling them to volunteer with us or via other routes; we publish the internationally acclaimed Amicus Journal; and we host a variety of awareness-raising events. And, for many of our volunteers, their work with Amicus has developed and strengthened their skills, benefiting their work for their clients in the UK and embedding a lifelong commitment to human rights work both here and overseas.

In the early days there were just a few of us running an entirely voluntary organisation. We felt very passionately about the deeply unfair and biased use of the death penalty against the most vulnerable and did whatever we could in our spare time to counteract this. Gradually we expanded our committee and with the funding from Lime 2004 we were able to employ someone part-time to help run things and to start expanding our work.

We now have a strong executive team running very successful internship, casework, training, publishing and event programmes. Our activities were boosted greatly by the funds raised at Lime 2007: Lime 2012 will cement our position going forward.

In the medium term, however, we have set ourselves the target of increasing our membership to a level which will cover our core costs: We need 1,000 individual members to make Amicus a sustainable organisation and ensure the continuity of our support programmes. Every new member takes us closer to our target. Please join us tonight, and become a vital member of the “Amicus 1,000”.

Our interns and caseworkers have had some fantastic results since Lime 2007. We have assisted in many appeals and retrials that resulted in sentences being overturned and people being moved off death row, and amicus curiae briefs prepared by Amicus volunteers played their part in the abolition of capital punishment for juveniles and the mentally retarded. But, there are so many more people desperately in need of good legal representation. With your help, Lime 2012 will help us reach them.

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- Newcastle United football coaching session, for 22 adults or children.
- Framed art works, including: Lynn Parotti; Renoir; Picasso; Peter Brookes; death row inmate Robert Butts.
- Luxury breaks, including: May Fair Hotel; Tylney Hall; Luton Hoo; The Landmark; large house in the foothills of the Pyrenees.
- Autographed sporting memorabilia, including: Muhammad Ali and nine of his opponents; Arsenal, Chelsea, Newcastle United and West Ham Football Clubs; 1966 World Cup players and Sir Alf Ramsey; Lionel Messi; Usain Bolt; Darren Clarke; Ian Botham.
- Behind-the-scenes tour to film set, including walk-on parts as extras.
- VIP tickets and vouchers for theatre, ballet and concerts; dinners/lunches for two at a wide range of London restaurants.
- Ghost-written autobiography, based on 27 hours of interviews, with 10 hard back copies published.
- Sporting experiences, including: with golf trick-shot specialist Jeremy Dale; driving supercars; behind-the-scenes tours of Twickenham and Lords.
- Autographed film/TV/music memorabilia, including: ‘Dead Man Walking’; ‘James Bond’; ‘Deer Hunter’; ‘Harry Potter’; ‘Star Wars’; Flavia Cacace; Michael Jackson; The Clash.
- Vouchers for lifestyle and home services, including in home spa treatments; retail gift tokens; champagne and wine; chocolates; spa products.
- Private boxes at Ascot Racecourse and at Newcastle United Football Club, for a premier league match.
- Private tour of the Palace of Westminster, and tea in the House of Lords with Baroness Stern CBE.
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It is a privilege to be a Patron of Amicus. Its work has special significance for me. I can still remember vividly a visit I made some 20 years ago to San Quentin prison in California. Two things in particular have stayed with me. One was the part of the tour which took us into the death chamber which housed the electric chair. The man who was showing me round told me proudly, “Here is our electric chair. And guess what. We have just managed to adapt it so that we can electrocute a disabled person. We shall be using it for him next week.”

The other thing I remember is my visit to death row. A lot of men, mostly black men, were there wandering about in a large fenced area. I was outside the fence. One of the men approached the wire netting to talk to me through it. “Hello,” I said. “How are you?” He said, “I am fine Ma’am. Where are you from?” “England.” I said. “Oh, England” he said. “Anyone from England is welcome here. No-one bothers about us except the people from England. They write to us prisoners on death row, and make friends with us.” He was referring of course to the work of Lifelines. A remarkable organisation and a testament to the strength of concern people can have for human beings they do not know and might never meet.

Amicus grew out of the work of Lifelines. Amicus sends enthusiastic young people as interns to the United States to work on the cases of people condemned to death. This is immensely valuable work. It helps the people on death row and those fighting to secure justice for them with scarce resources. It also creates another generation of skilled death penalty caseworkers.

Since 2010 I have chaired the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Abolition of the Death Penalty. I know all the members of the Group join me in thanking Amicus for what it does to bring nearer the eventual abolition of capital punishment.

Baroness Stern CBE
I would like to express in this communique some appreciation and praise for the Amicus interns and their work. All of your volunteers have been top notch! Their work has always contributed to the thorough defense of our clients.

For example, our most recent intern took the voluminous reports from three different cases and provided an accurate synopsis of all of them. She came up with some highly useful analytical tools that provided us with a blue print of the facts and the whole cast of witnesses at a glance. Very impressive!

Each intern’s short time in our office leaves a most indelible foot print. The impact their hard work has had on our cases will, no doubt, be a major contribution to their success.

Thank you, Piers, for your ongoing support of our office’s fight against the death penalty. With volunteers like yours our fight against capital punishment isn’t easier but definitely more effective.

Regards,

Chuck Loughlin
Oklahoma County Public Defender’s Office
Letter of support from Stephen Harper

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RE: Amicus Assistance on the _ _ _ Case

We would like to thank you for all your hard work arranging for caseworkers to assist with the case. _ _ _ was facing the Death Penalty on two separate homicides. His case is one which has a large amount of discovery, and your caseworkers’ assistance with the analysis of that discovery was not only helpful for trial preparation, but assisted us in this office in working towards obtaining a waiver of the Death Penalty.

We are very pleased to inform you that the State has now agreed to waive the Death Penalty in both homicides. Whilst this is not the end of the matter for _ _ _, as he is still facing the two homicide charges, it is a great relief to _ _ _, his family and his legal team that he is no longer at risk of the court ordering death in his case.

Thank you again for all your assistance in this case, it is wonderful to know that this office has the support of Amicus and its overseas caseworkers who were happy to provide their time and resources pro bono, on what we consider to be such a worthwhile cause.

Stephen Harper
Assistant Public Defender

Alison Gurden
Barrister/Volunteer
October 10, 2012

Dear Friends,

I have always been opposed to the death penalty because it just doesn’t make sense on any level. However, the experience of filming Dead Man Walking certainly solidified my opposition.

My first impression of death row was how surreal and at the same time ordinary the process is - a coke machine right next to the death chamber, choosing your last meal, etc. I have seen how the death penalty does not heal the victim’s families and I have come to realise that no matter how angry an individual is to lose a loved one to violence, it is wrong for the state to punish killing by killing. It also is clearly arbitrary and capricious who is given the death penalty.

I am unable to join you at Lime but I hope the evening is successful and enjoyable for all. Amicus is tireless in their pursuit of justice on death row and I am proud to support their work in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Susan Sarandon
Letter of support from Wilbert Rideau

Wilbert Rideau spent 44 years in the Louisiana prison system before winning a new trial and his freedom. He pioneered a free press behind bars in 1976 when he became editor of The Angolite, a prison newsmagazine that during his tenure was nominated seven times for a National Magazine Award.

Since his release from prison in 2005, he has received the Human Rights Award from the Southern Center for Human Rights and the Champion of Justice Award from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Since 2007 he has been a Soros Fellow and has worked as a consultant with the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel project to improve communications between defense teams and their clients.

He now lives in Baton Rouge with his wife, Linda, and is proud to be a patron of Amicus.

“I first became aware of the work done by British volunteer lawyers while I was working on the Angolite magazine. I covered the death row cases and I came across an increasing number of inmates who were being helped by UK volunteers or had British pen pals writing to them. It makes a huge difference and does an incredible amount of good.

Prison success stories are not news in the US. It is not considered important to recognise that a person can change. Volunteers from organisations like Amicus can help a human being to change and develop.

Those of you who support Amicus and volunteer can make choices – you don’t have to do this work – which is why your willingness to join the fight is so remarkable. ... Your efforts are an affirmation of the highest and best in humanity.”

Wilbert Rideau
Ricky was convicted of the murder of his landlords, Elizabeth McDaniels and Gary Barbier, in San Antonio and sentenced to death in 1995. During the punishment phase of his capital murder trial the prosecution portrayed him as an irrational interloper, prone to senseless acts of rage. The defence responded by summoning four of Ricky’s family members to the courthouse, cursorily interviewing them in the hallway, and then eliciting brief testimony that he was a kind, hard-working man. Trial counsel never discovered – and no witness was asked to explain – Ricky’s upbringing, his life experiences, or how he got to the point of being charged with capital murder.

Yet, there was a plethora of cogent mitigating evidence that the jury never heard. As a result of trial counsels’ failures in investigating the mitigating evidence in his case, Ricky sought a writ of habeas corpus. He eventually won a re-trial of his punishment phase and the court heard fresh arguments about whether or not he should receive the death penalty.

Over the past two years his attorneys have been seeking out social history records and building up a picture of the extent of his life experiences, inside and out of prison. Amicus casework volunteers have assisted by working through hundreds of pages of documents, summarising their contents and identifying anything that may assist the case. The extensive detail that his lawyers were able to present of his life history and good record in prison, together with the passage of time served on death row, meant that finally, in November 2011, we were able to secure a life sentence plea deal.

Kathryn Kase, Texas Defender Service:

“We would never have been able to quickly locate the documents that supported a life resolution in this case had it not been for the work of the Amicus volunteers. Their detailed work allowed us to operate efficiently and effectively and, at the end of the day, provide the facts in support of a plea that saved Mr. Kerr’s life.”
Case study: Craig Dean

Prior to 2010, the US was one of only two countries in the world that sentenced juvenile offenders to life without the possibility of parole. This was changed by the US Supreme Court’s decision in Graham v. Florida in 2010 and Miller v. Alabama earlier in 2012. Amicus volunteers were involved in preparing amicus curiae briefs for both cases. Life without parole for juveniles is now unconstitutional.

Following the first decision in 2010, the Miami Capital Litigation Unit took on a number of appeals on behalf of juveniles challenging their life without parole sentence. The cases came to the capital unit because the work required is so similar to death penalty work and they are the only unit with the right skills and experience. Amicus agreed to help the unit with these cases in addition to the capital cases we work on together.

Craig Dean’s mother was a prostitute with a drug habit who owed money to one of the local dealers. Unable to pay her debts, she told the drug dealer that her son, Craig, would work for them in order to pay off what she owed. Craig was only seven years old at the time. Some years later he found himself still working for the drug dealers and embroiled in the conflict with rival gangs. Some drugs were stolen from him by rival gang members and Craig was told that he had two options: kill the person who took them or be killed himself.

He was given a gun and advised to use his left hand because “then nobody would know it was him”. Craig had never fired a gun before. He missed his intended target and hit a young girl instead. After handing himself in to the police, he was charged with the attempted murder of the drug dealer he had missed and the young girl he had accidentally hit instead.

Craig’s defence was not handled well. Initially he was offered a deal by the prosecutor but his lawyer did not communicate this to him properly. At one of his appeals, the lawyer failed to show up. This lawyer was supposed to be arguing that his first trial lawyer had been ineffective...

Following the Graham decision in 2010, his case was picked up by the Miami Capital Litigation Unit and subsequently also came to Amicus.

There were three phases of work which included summarising and analysing the transcripts from earlier trials and appeals, as well as examining prison and medical records. We had five teams from Linklaters, Pinsent Masons, K&L Gates, 1 Gray’s Inn Square Chambers and a small group of individual Amicus members. The work formed part of the mitigation package which the Miami team used to negotiate a sentence reduction. Craig received a fixed term sentence of 28 years. He has already served 12 years and we may be able to get a further three years taken into consideration for good behaviour.

An extract from Craig’s letter to Amicus:
“…it was very heartening to know that people who I have never met or spoken to were offering their time to work on my case on a voluntary basis. I cannot express how much that meant to me.

I have now been re-sentenced… Not only does this give me hope for a future outside of prison but I am able to undertake classes to obtain my GED and other qualifications. As a ‘lifer’ I was not eligible to take these classes. …Thank you for all your time and effort.”
Amicus is a small legal charity which helps provide representation for those facing the death penalty in the United States. We were founded in 1992 in memory of Andrew Lee Jones, who was executed by the state of Louisiana in 1991.

We believe the death penalty is disproportionately imposed on the most vulnerable in society, violating their right to due process and the concept of equal justice before the law. We are not a campaigning organisation. We believe we can make the greatest difference through active involvement in frontline work. Our mission is to provide better access to justice for those who could not otherwise afford it.
Casework

The Amicus casework programme provides remote support for capital defenders in the US. Most of our teams come from law firms or barristers’ chambers in the UK. During 2011 we had approximately 200 volunteers working on eight individual cases. We have had positive results in four and the rest remain ongoing.

Support

It can take years to prepare a capital case for trial and working through the appeals process can take decades. Capital defenders in the US are generally over-worked, under-funded and under-resourced. The support our caseworkers provide makes a huge difference and allows the US lawyers to prepare each case more effectively and thoroughly than would otherwise be possible.

Legal consulting

The work our volunteers do includes summarising and analysing crime reports, statements, transcripts of previous trials/hearings, personal records or any other documents which might be useful in mitigation. Amicus caseworkers have also been involved in researching points of law, creating case timelines, drafting or reviewing motions and helping develop lines of argument. We provide bespoke training sessions for all of our casework teams.

“Amicus caseworkers have completed a phenomenal amount of work on Florida death penalty cases. All this work is very much appreciated. As one client commented recently ‘It is just amazing that so many people who have never even met me want to spend their time helping me. It really humbles me and I want to tell them Thank you.’”

Alison Gurden, Miami Capital Litigation Unit

Internships

Every year we train and place 25–35 interns with capital defenders in the US. These interns provide an invaluable resource for the over-worked lawyers and carry out work that would simply not get done without them.

This covers everything from photocopying and summarising documents to legal research, interviewing people connected to the case or visiting the defendant on death row.

Selection

Our interns are selected through an application and interview process. Before taking up their placement, they must complete our US death penalty training course. This is a four day course, which is accredited for 23 CPD points with the Bar Council and the Law Society. It includes relevant aspects of US law as well as practical training in interviewing and research techniques.

Many of our former interns now practise law in the UK and find their professional capabilities are greatly enhanced by their experience working in the US. This provides clear benefits for their employers and clients but also nurtures a long-term commitment to pro bono activities generally.

“Our interns have sent scores and scores of interns to fight the death penalty all over the US. The assistance of interns in the various death penalty offices around the country has been immeasurable. In short, the charity has saved lives.”

Nick Trenticosta, Center for Equal Justice, Louisiana
Additional activities

Casework and the US Internships are our two core programmes. We also run training for over 400 people a year and a range of educational, awareness-raising and fundraising events across the country, and we publish the Amicus Journal.

The quality of representation in a capital trial is literally a matter of life and death. Too many US citizens have gone to their deaths because of poor representation.

“Our intern shared his work with the Texas office. They used it and this guy didn’t die last night. I can’t think of a way to overstate the importance of this work. The guy didn’t die. Kind of says it all. Everyone over in the UK ought to know about this. It makes it all worthwhile. Thank you.”

Capital Defence Lawyer, Texas

Few rulings would be more disruptive of our federal system than to provide for federal habeas review of freestanding claims of actual innocence.

Chief Justice Rehnquist, Herrera v. Collins

“I would encourage anyone to undertake an internship not only because the US attorneys are in dire need of the help but because it will change your life positively, forever.”

Yvonne Kestler, former Louisiana intern

The Constitution says that everyone’s entitled to the attorney of their choice… The Constitution doesn’t say that the lawyer has to be awake.

District Judge Doug Shaver, McFarland v. State of Texas

The evidence

Since 2000 the US has executed almost 700 people. The key issues concerning the administration of the death penalty include race, poverty, the quality of legal representation, arbitrariness and delay in the system and the ongoing risk of executing an innocent person.

- 34% of the 697 executed were black – 2010 US census figures show only 12.6% of the general population is black.

- A recent Louisiana study concluded that, even after taking other variables into consideration, “the odds of a death sentence are still 97% higher for those who kill whites than for those who kill blacks”.

- 90% of death row inmates are classed as indigent and cannot afford their own lawyer.

- In some states the fees paid to state funded lawyers are capped at $1,000 for all out-of-court work, although a capital trial can take up to five years to prepare.

- Since 1973, 140 people in 26 states have been released from death row with evidence of their innocence. Some had served in excess of 20 years before being released.

- The longest serving death row inmate has spent 37 years in a 6ft x 9ft cell. He is still there, waiting to die.

(all figures correct as of May 2012)

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.

Article 7, Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Philippa Greer  
*Former intern in Georgia*

My experience this year at the Georgia Capital Defender’s office has done more than simply reinforce my passion and moral commitment to civil rights. Departing alone from a country that last took the life of one of its citizens in the sixties, it has changed my perspective on the law and on life.

Meeting with a client for the first time at Georgia Diagnostic and Classification State Prison I looked into the eyes of a man who had spent 23 years on death row. For the duration of my 23 years of life, he had sat there waiting for the outside world to let him back in. As I sat writing motions for his case later that evening in the office, I reflected upon my life as a lawyer in the UK. I knew that I had never known the law like this before.

Within the context of the South, I was able to obtain an invaluable insight into the birth of the civil rights movement beyond my legal work. I sat quietly in the church where Martin Luther King Jr preached, I stood in the spot of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in Alabama and I walked through the Old Slave Mart in Charleston, South Carolina. Visiting historic places associated with the civil rights movement I was inspired by the momentum of a struggle against segregation.

Working with the clients I had the honour of assisting in Georgia, I took inspiration from the commitment of the civil rights movement to creating a just society through legal means. Looking into the eyes of this client I was instantly reminded of the segregation that exists in modern society – whereby access to justice is denied by reason of poverty. This is why the work of Amicus is so vital.

Lucy Cadd  
*Trainee Solicitor, Pinsent Masons*

I was very keen to get involved in Amicus casework because it had always seemed such a paradox to me that a continent that we view as so closely linked and comparable to ours has such a distinct divergence in their death penalty policy.

The casework, by giving us access to the small but significant details of each case, is invaluable for our appreciation of the cases themselves but also our understanding of the criminal justice procedure in the US. The tasks presented by each batch of casework are extremely varied: I have edited chapters in the Amicus Yearbook, evaluated witness statements, summarised trial transcripts...
and analysed medical and prison records, all of which have constructively built upon my skill set as a trainee and been thoroughly engaging.

If at the outset I was concerned with working within a completely different field of law and the US legal system, the extremely competent training we receive from UK and US lawyers working for Amicus (often leading their particular cases), dispelled these worries. It has also been very interesting to learn first hand about another legal system and how it compares to the one in the UK. Amicus is very inclusive of its caseworkers and we have been given the opportunity to go on the Amicus training weekends designed for Amicus interns and have always been shown real appreciation for the time we have spent on the casework. It has certainly given me a positive outlet for my frustration at the system!

Sanjay Roy
Current intern in Texas

Necrophiliacs, paedophiles and witch doctors are just some of our clients who have been charged with capital murder and who have been caught up in the mess that is the Texas criminal justice system. These are people who have committed horrific crimes with fatal and tragic consequences. None of these cases are remotely similar to the Sunny Jacobs or Peter Pringle stories that many Amicus members will be familiar with, as most of our clients are not innocent and are merely trying to negotiate a deal that allows them to take life without parole (LWOP) or a fixed term sentence instead of death.

And herein lies the absurdity of it all. With elections looming, many of the deals that are on the table will be dependent on which judge is elected and which district attorney is still in office. Election fever has taken over the US and its effect is being felt greatly on the Texas justice system. The strategic nature of punishment here makes it arbitrary and contrary to principles of justice.

Many of our clients have been put through the state’s Child Protective Services and have been the victims of systematic sexual/violent abuse throughout their childhood. This invariably plays a part in why they become violent themselves. The irony is that the state of Texas now wants death for those it was responsible for looking after.

The defence team I am working with are some of the most hard-working dedicated and tenacious lawyers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. As a qualified County Court Advocate in the UK, I am given substantial autonomy and have had the opportunity to get involved in a number of cases. My work can range from visiting our clients in jail, contacting/visiting witnesses and drafting various documents. I am in court regularly to oversee various stages of proceedings. The experience so far has been extremely valuable.
Andrew was born in rural Louisiana, the fifth son of a black share-cropping family. His life changed on the death of his father, when the family was evicted from their home and Andrew, devastated by the death of a much-loved father, took off to Baton Rouge. He fell into a life of petty crime.

In 1984, Andrew was charged with the murder of the daughter of his estranged girlfriend. The only evidence offered at his trial – which lasted less than a day – was that he knew the victim. No scientific evidence was produced by the prosecution. There was no evidence of a break-in at the girl’s house in spite of the prosecution’s allegations of the use of force. Andrew himself had no recollection of that fateful night, except that he had been drunk. Prior to the trial, a defence witness was beaten by the police and withdrew his alibi statement.

Andrew was found guilty and sentenced to death by an all-white jury in a courtroom where the only black faces were those of the family members, in spite of 30% of the local population being black. Black jury members are traditionally excluded from serving in East Baton Rouge parish.

On 19th July 1991, the Board of Pardons met to hear the final pleas for clemency from witnesses and appeals from the defence lawyers. Discussion of guilt or innocence is not part of this procedure. Andrew’s mother, brothers and sister begged for his life, and a psychiatrist and a psychologist gave information relating to the family situation, and Andrew’s state of mind.

Finally, the defence lawyer at the trial gave evidence. He offered his apologies for not giving Andrew a fair defence. As a court-appointed lawyer he had received the papers only a short time prior to the trial. He was not qualified to conduct capital trials, being less than five years out of law school, and this was his first capital case. He saw his client only occasionally prior to the trial, and he had only recently been made aware that his client was medicated with Thorazine, a psychotropic drug, before and during the trial. The amount of medication given during his trial exceeded the amount needed for tranquilising purposes.

However, Andrew was refused clemency and he was duly executed by the State of Louisiana.

The girl’s mother – who had continually visited Andrew on death row, until she became a heroin addict – phoned him less than 10 hours before he was electrocuted, to say that she was really sorry, she had never meant for this to happen…

In his memory, and in recognition of the need for people like Andrew to receive proper legal representation when facing the ultimate penalty, Amicus was formed in 1992.
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