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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')

After dinner: Auction (conducted by

Deborah Park, Christie's)

Followed by: Dancing (Jazz Dynamos)

1.00am: Carriages



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What we get from Lime

Welcome to our second Lime, which is also marking Amicus' 15-year anniversary. As many of you know, Amicus was founded in 1992 – then known as The Andrew Lee Jones Fund – in memory of Andrew, who was executed in Louisiana in 1991.

Thank you so much for being here tonight to support the vital work that we do. Lime 2004 enabled us to extend greatly the reach of our activities. We have increased the number of interns we place in the US and widened the number of states covered by our intern programme. We have introduced regional training days and increased the total number of places available on our training programmes. Our UK-based case workers have provided more assistance by preparing *amicus curiae* briefs and drafting motions and applications. And, we have built on our events programme. None of this would have been possible without the funding from our first Lime, which enabled us to employ a part-time Executive Officer to manage all the volunteers' activities and extend our relationships with US capital defense attorneys' offices.

We are enormously grateful for the support we have received. Baker & McKenzie's provision of a free office (and office services) underpins all our activities, and, for Lime, the sponsorship from Cardew Group and Radley Yeldar has gone a long way to ensuring the success of the evening.

Tonight will provide funds going forward for us to continue our work – and, hopefully, extend it further. The number of people we can help depends directly on the number of people who help us. You are already doing that by being here this evening, and we hope you will continue your support by participating in tonight's auction, raffle and "gift tree".

And – we hope you have a very enjoyable evening.

Lime committee

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Auction, raffle and "gift tree" prizes include:

Lunch on the continent hosted by David Rowntree (Blur), who personally will fly you there and back in his private plane. Framed original works by Peter Brookes and Benjamin Zephaniah. VIP tickets and vouchers for the theatre, ballet and spas; membership of the Kingly Club; dinners/lunches for two at a wide range of London restaurants. Behind-the-scenes visits to film sets, including walk-on parts Weekend in Cumbria, with tickets to 'Housewife 49' and a private afternoon tea with its award-winning writer and star, Victoria Wood. A private box for 12 at Ascot races, with lunch and wine. Luxury items, including: Pickett's necklaces, Agent Provocateur lingerie (with fitting), Wright & Teague rings, Lynn Parotti print and a Fine Cell Works cushion. Luxury weekend breaks in London and the country; adventure breaks. Autographed memorabilia, including: Alan Bennett, Tom Stoppard, the 'Mersey Beat' poets, the 1966 England football team, John Travolta, Pink Martini, The Who, Queen, Abba and Bryan Ferry. Behind-the-scenes tours and lunches at the Palace of Westminster and the European Parliament. Vouchers for lifestyle and home services; retail gift tokens; champagne and wine; chocolates; spa products. A day with the Royal Navy, including behind-the-scenes tour of a ship.

We regret that we shall only be able to accept cash and cheques on the night.

The committee would like to thank the following for their generous support of Lime...





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Letter of support from Sister Helen Prejean



Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be a part of Amicus' second Lime – building on the success of Lime (2004) and marking the 15-year anniversary of the founding of the charity.

There's nothing I like better than participating in events that foster and strengthen the partnership between folks in the UK and the US to save human beings from execution. That's what Amicus is about, training young law students and sending them to help overwhelmed capital defense attorneys in the US, and UK-based lawyers assisting their US counterparts through drafting motions and helping where they can. I'm happy to do whatever I can to generate resources for such a worthy project.

It's interesting to note that the UK played a significant role in the First Abolitionist Movement to abolish slavery. Passionate anti-slavery leaders such as Harriet Beecher Stowe (Uncle Tom's Cabin) and Frederick Douglas were brought to the UK to speak long before their voices were heard in the US.

Now, in the Second Abolitionist Movement to end the death penalty (rightly called by some "legal lynching"), projects such as Amicus continue the noble UK – US relationship.

My second book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions", which was published shortly after Lime (2004), tells the story of two men – innocent, I believe – who I accompanied to execution. The stories dramatically illustrate how defense counsel for capital defendants makes all the difference. Sadly, these two cases are not rare exceptions. I am sure most of you are aware of the many cases where innocence has been established post-conviction – some, unforgivably, too late to save the defendant from death.

That's why Amicus is so important, and why I'm travelling to London to be with you for Lime (2007). I hope everyone reading this will be over-the-top generous in supporting this wonderful effort.

For those who were at Lime (2004), and who I have met at other events, I look forward to seeing you again. And, for those who are attending their first Amicus event – I look forward to meeting you. I can already anticipate the warm glow of energy that will fill the room of us gathered together to promote the noblest of causes – human rights.

Sister Helen Prejean

Letter of support from Robert A. Ravitz, Esq.

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Margot Ravenscroft Executive Officer Amicus, PO Box 46101 London, EC4V 6YT United Kingdom

Ms. Ravenscroft,

I wanted to write and let you know how much we appreciate the support we have received from Amicus over the past few years. Since 2001 we have been fortunate to have 11 interns from Amicus work as part of our capital trials team. Amicus interns have become an almost integral part of the team's defense preparations. Every intern we have received has played a vital role, be it in witness interviews, records gathering, client relations or in defense assistance during actual trial. The excellent level of training they bring to the job makes it possible for them to begin working independently just a few days after their orientation. In fact, their presence brings another pair of hands to the detailed intricacies involved in the lengthy process of preparing for a death penalty trial. Their hard work and dedication have led to life sentences in trials and plea bargains in numerous cases.

Unfortunately, Oklahoma has one of the most active death penalty machines in the United States. The assistance of the Amicus interns has the very real effect of taking much of the stress off of attorneys and investigators who are already overworked on crowded dockets. I consider my office to be extremely lucky to have had the interns and appreciate any additional ones that maybe forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Ravitz, Esq.

Oklahoma County Public Defender

Letter of support from Glenda Jackson MP

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Letter of support from Eluned Morgan MEP



On 10th October the European Parliament, the Commission and Council of Europe supported a European Day against the death penalty, which coincided with the World Day against the death penalty. The European Union considers that the abolition of the death penalty contributes to the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights.

The EU has taken a lead role in promoting and protecting human rights across the globe and has intervened in a number of cases by applying minimum standards in countries retaining the death penalty. This sort of political and moral pressure can lead to action and is always welcome. It is no coincidence that Turkey has abolished the death penalty while in the process of applying to join the EU. However, it is organisations such as Amicus which improve the situation for many defendants on a day-to-day basis.

Today Amicus' work in the US is more necessary than ever. The US speaks eloquently on civil liberties, democracy and the rule of law, but on a practical basis the country fails ordinary people in judicial trouble. They have withdrawn national funding from organisations which help to protect the rights of those facing the death penalty, and have failed to address the inherent racism of its legal system.

The work that Amicus does in training legal staff, publicising the state of the American judicial system and providing international support to those working in the US is indispensable. I congratulate the charity on its 15-year anniversary. Its continued work contributes to the global efforts to tackle human rights abuses and injustice and should be applauded.

Eluned Morgan MEP



Sunny Jacobs



"When I went in I was a mother of two young children, and a daughter and a wife. When I came out I was a widow, and an orphan and a grandmother."

In 1976, Sonia "Sunny" Jacobs and her partner Jessie Tafero were wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death for the shooting of two police officers in Florida.

In spite of the jury's recommendation that Jacobs receive a life sentence, the judge in her case, M. Daniel Futch – also known as "Maximum Dan" who kept a miniature electric chair on his desk – imposed a death sentence. Jacobs spent five years on death row before the judge's decision was overturned, and her sentence changed to life. It would take a further 12 years for her to be released from prison.

The actual killer Walter Rhodes was a friend of Tafero's and an ex-con. He received three life sentences in exchange for false testimony against Tafero and Jacobs. Evidence that Rhodes failed a polygraph test, as well as a statement from a prison

guard stating that Rhodes had bragged about committing the murders himself, was suppressed by the prosecution.

Jacobs' trial rested on the testimony of Rhodes and a jailhouse informant, Brenda Isham, who claimed that Jacobs had confessed to the crime. Isham was a young college student charged with possession of pills without a prescription. She was threatened with jail time by the district attorney if she did not testify. Many years later Isham would again take the stand, this time for Jacobs, and retract her former statement. Isham was still so terrified of the district attorney that she had a heart attack on the witness stand.

Following Jacobs and Tafero's convictions, Walter Rhodes confessed several times to the shootings, admitting that he was solely responsible. However, on 4 May 1990, in spite of the evidence of his innocence, Tafero was put to death in Florida. It was one of America's most notorious botched executions. The electric chair malfunctioned sending flames through Tafero's head and smoke out of his ears. It took three attempts at pulling the switch and 13½ minutes for Tafero to die.

It took 17 years for Sunny Jacobs to be released from prison. She now lives in Ireland with her partner Peter Pringle. Pringle was also wrongly convicted of killing a police officer. He was exonerated in 1995. Their stories are featured in the award winning play "*The Exonerated*".

Alistair Carmichael MP Kenny Richey: the cost of poor legal representation

Alistair Carmichael MP, Kenny Richey



"Even though this new evidence may establish Mr Richey's innocence, the Ohio and United States constitutions nonetheless allow him to be executed because the prosecution did not know that the scientific testimony offered at trial was false and unreliable." Prosecutor Dan Gershutz

Anyone who thinks that good quality legal representation is expensive should have a look at the case of Kenny Richey.

They would pretty soon realise that the cost of poor representation can be even higher. It could still cost Kenny his life.

Kenny is a Scot who has lived in America since he moved there in 1981 aged 18. In 1987 he was convicted in Putnam County Court of the murder of a two year old child and sentenced to death. He was on death row from then until earlier this year when his conviction was overturned (for the second time) by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeal. He is now remanded in custody awaiting a retrial. Amnesty International has described his case as one of the most compelling cases of apparent innocence that they have ever encountered.

Of all the many ironies in Kenny's case, perhaps the most acute is that he is now being retried by the same prosecutors who in 1987 offered him a plea bargain of serving 11 years in prison if he would plead guilty to manslaughter. He refused. He was not guilty of anything so why would he plead guilty?

Kenny did not have the means to fund his own defence and was represented at trial by a court-appointed lawyer – then a young man with little experience. The case against him is riddled with inconsistencies and was not properly tested at first instance. It has taken 20 years since then to get the Ohio criminal justice system to concede the possibility of a miscarriage of justice. At one stage he was only hours from execution and was shaved in preparation for being strapped into the electric chair, then Ohio's chosen method of killing people.

I met Kenny Richey on death row in 2004. It was a profoundly moving experience which turned me from someone who had always been opposed to capital punishment to being a committed advocate for its abolition world-wide.

On one view Kenny is fortunate (he may have some difficulty seeing it like this). He now has the support of organisations like Amicus and others and at long last there is a prospect that he may be treated justly. After 20 years, however, it truly is the case that justice delayed is justice denied.

More about Amicus...

Amicus Assisting Lawyers for Justice on Death Row

Amicus was founded in 1992 – then known as The Andrew Lee Jones Fund – in memory of Andrew Lee Jones, who was executed in Louisiana in 1991. The charity's objectives are to assist in the provision of legal representation for those awaiting capital trial and punishment in the US, or any other country, and to raise awareness of potential abuses of defendants' rights.

Amicus' main activities are:

01. Internships

The charity arranges volunteer placements with US capital defense attorneys' offices. Funding from Lime 2004 enabled Amicus to extend the reach of its intern programme, increasing the number of interns placed in the US and widening the number of states covered by the programme. In the period October 2004 to October 2007, Amicus placed 64 interns across the US for internships of between three and 18 months. Outside of the ongoing intern programme, several Amicus members travelled out to work in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, providing vital assistance to Amicus' contacts there at a time when many of their own staff were unable to return to work.

02. Training

Amicus runs 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 intending to go to the US (including those not being placed by Amicus) and for UKbased volunteer case workers drafting amicus curiae briefs, motions and international applications and conducting general research on behalf of capital defense attorneys' offices. The charity is registered as a CPD (continuing professional development) training provider by the Bar Council and the Law Society. After Lime 2004, Amicus was able to introduce regional introductory training days to complement its London- and Birmingham-based training courses, increasing greatly the total number of trainee places. Since October 2004 (to October 2007), Amicus has trained over 560 people in preparation for internships and UK-based case work.

Amicus collaborated with the Middle Temple Library to ensure that all the key US capital punishment criminal and constitutional texts are available in the UK, as part of the Middle Temple's American Collection (the largest collection of US law in London) and Capital Punishment Collection (which includes key texts and materials for jurisdictions around the world, including the US). Both collections are housed on the third floor of the Middle Temple Library, with access for all barristers and entry arrangements for non-barristers arranged by Amicus.

03. Case work

Amicus curiae briefs: Literally meaning "a friend of the court", amicus curiae briefs are a way in which professional groups, organisations and charities are able to assist a court in coming to a decision by describing comparative standards, international law and the practices of other nations. At the request of capital defense attorneys, Amicus has presented briefs on a number of topics (such as the execution of juveniles and the mentally retarded, the treatment of juries and rules of evidence) at various stages of cases' proceedings, including to the US Supreme Court.

Drafting motions: UK-based case workers have prepared motions for use by capital defense attorneys across the US both before and during trials and appeals, such as motions against the use of gruesome photographs and on the use of the lethal injection as a means of execution. Amicus has also provided assistance with the drafting of clemency statements and petitions in a number of states. This voluntary practical assistance from UK-based lawyers is often vital to capital defense attorneys who are facing very tight timescales, with limited resources, prior to and during trial and appeal.

International applications: UK lawyers are very experienced in arguing before international tribunals on points of international law. The jurisdiction of the Privy Council in London, which is still the final court of appeal for many Caribbean countries, means that they have argued many of the issues which pertain to the death penalty in the US before an extremely sophisticated tribunal. In addition, UK-based lawyers have argued Caribbean cases before the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Amicus lawyers have drafted applications to the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, in Washington, on behalf of capital defense attorneys in capital cases. Applications have covered such issues as the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (where appellants were not given proper access to consular officials), the admission of unadjudicated previous convictions in the sentencing phase and the appropriateness of executing juveniles and the mentally ill.

04. Events

Amicus holds events to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the application of the death penalty in the US. Since Lime 2004, the charity has built on its existing events programme in London and Birmingham, holding a variety of regional events and activities in Manchester, Oxford, Newcastle and Leeds. One successful series of events was a tour by Juan Melendez who was exonerated from Florida's death row after almost 18 years behind bars. Initially, Juan visited the UK briefly in spring 2005, speaking to over 170 people. He returned for a longer trip in February 2006, speaking to over 350 people in London, Manchester and Oxford.

05. Legal education

Three recipients of some Amicus funding have completed US legal education and are practising full-time as capital defense attorneys. Amicus' long-term objective is to reinstate US legal education grants to individuals who commit to practising as capital defense attorneys post-qualification. Currently, however, the charity's funding position means that the short-term focus is on extending further the intern programme to meet the immediate demands in the US.

Andrew Lee Jones



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 muchloved 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.

Why I am a member of the Lime Committee *Three former interns share their experiences*

Ramanjit Kang, Annabel Timan, Courtenay Barklem



Annabel Timan

I'll admit it, as soon as I knew I was going to Mississippi I went straight out and hired A Time to Kill, Mississippi Burning and, for amusement value, My Cousin Vinnie.

Armed with this wealth of cultural knowledge I boarded the plane full of confidence and headed for the Office of Capital Defense Counsel in Jackson for what I thought would be three months of administrative assistance with the occasional glimpse into capital litigation, the odd bit of fried chicken and perhaps a visit to death row at some point.

Well, my first week consisted of watching a capital trial, both in the courtroom and on CNN, leaving the courtroom to be greeted by crowds chanting "hang him, hang him high", witnessing a man being sentenced to death, protesting an execution and a visit to Parchman's Unit 32 to meet those on death row whom the office was representing on appeal. From there on out I was given a car and my own cases to investigate. I also extended my stay to six months. Nothing can prepare you for investigating in the deepsouth, least of all in the wake of a hurricane; attempting to find witnesses from towns that have been blown away, conducting interviews in FEMA trailers or, more often, the back of a

pick up truck. I interviewed everybody from school teachers, police officers and the client's family to the families of the victims. Many of these interviews were emotionally draining, some hostile, some hilarious, mostly unpredictable but always rewarding.

In addition to investigation, one of my cases went to trial. It was here that I witnessed first hand what an innocent man accused of capital murder is really up against. Prosecution misconduct is commonplace, racism continues, the jury selection process that talks about sentencing before deciding guilt or innocence, the list is endless.

All offices that Amicus work with are understaffed and underfunded. The contribution by interns is invaluable. For my part the experience was incredible. I continue to be involved with Amicus here in the UK to help ensure that they remain in a position to continue the internship programme and extend their work.

Courtenay Barklem

I hadn't really heard much about South Carolina before I arrived there. It was the first state to declare its independence from Britain and the first to secede from the Union, sparking the American Civil War. It seems to take pride in being rebellious.

I began my internship for Amicus in South Carolina in late 2002. Within two hours of arrival I was in a federal district court, where I witnessed an appeal for a man who had been sentenced to death despite his acknowledged mental illness.

I was an intern there for six months and

during this time I worked on several appeal cases doing investigation work, drafting motions and carrying out legal research. I got to know several inmates and developed close relationships with them and their lawyers with whom I worked.

Being a qualified lawyer at the time, I was able to provide the law office with additional resource and do jobs which the American lawyers would not have had the time or capacity to do – these tasks would not have been done without Amicus' internship programme.

My experience reinforced my commitment to international pro bono and human rights, ultimately leading me to change my career path from that of a commercial lawyer to working in human rights.

I continue to do voluntary work for Amicus because I believe that the internship programme is an important resource providing free assistance to people facing the death penalty and their legal advisers. Without the efforts made by its interns, and the contributions from its donors, Amicus would not be able to provide this invaluable service.

Ramanjit Kang

Initially, to me capital punishment was an alien concept. I did not understand the issues surrounding such a topic, especially as I was not affected by it in the UK. So through curiosity I attended the Amicus Lectures, where I clearly remember listening to an exoneree talk about his experiences. He spoke of how police impropriety led

him to spending 22 years incarcerated for a crime he did not commit. But it was through speaking to previous interns that I was shown that I could do something to help and the next thing I knew I was on a plane to Mississippi.

Once in Mississippi I worked on appeals against the death penalty. While there I drafted motions, conducted legal research, interviewed clients - and much more. I remember the first time I went to death row and met a client who was up for execution in less then a week. Talking to him made him human, especially after reading all the bad press splashed across front pages depicting him as a monster. Nearer the hour of his execution last minute motions were still served, the defence team continued to put up a fight. It was a huge legal battle over the medical evidence and just a mere 15 minutes before the execution, it was stayed. Unfortunately, this was a legal argument that we were able to fight only for a few more weeks before we finally lost.

Working there made me fully realise the help that was really needed and the dedication needed to not only fight the prosecution, but also the public and media. The office I worked for was hugely under funded and under staffed for the number of clients they had – there was one active lawyer for 45 clients.

Gaining such experiences would not have been possible without Amicus. I continue to work for the charity because I realise that Amicus needs the support of others in order to continue its important work – especially to educate and inspire others.

Jazz Dynamos

Jazz Dynamos bring a fresh and stylish approach to your event. Johnny Depp, Kevin Spacey and Nicole Kidman (amongst others) have all enjoyed having Jazz Dynamos perform at their parties. Princes William and Harry led the applause for them at a recent society wedding, and Sir Paul McCartney is so impressed he has booked the Dynamos twice and couldn't resist joining them on stage. Jazz Dynamos set the mood with ultra-cool Rat Pack swing and Latino rhythms, and fill the dance floor with '60s and '70s classics. Expect a high-energy performance guaranteed to wow your guests from start to finish!

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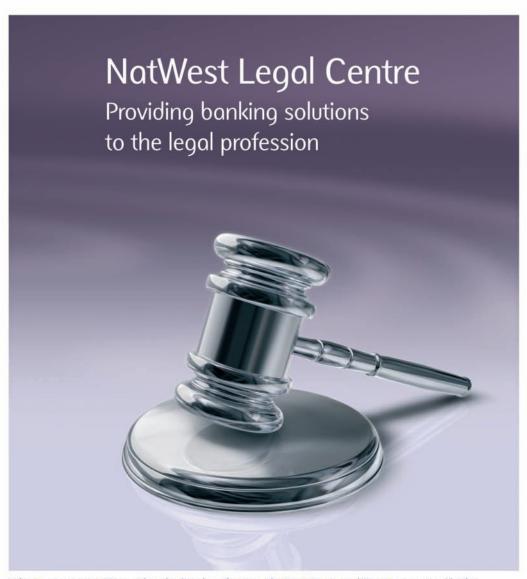
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