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Amicus Reception hosted by

MARK RYLANCE

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Welcome to this evening's Reception. We are honoured to introduce performances by Mark Rylance in aid of one of the most fundamental human rights: *The concept of equal justice before the law.*

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6.30pm	Champagne Reception
7.00pm	Welcome <i>Claire Jenkins & Joanne Cross</i>
7.05pm	Shakespeare Performance <i>Mark Rylance</i>
7.25pm	The Story of Andrew Lee Jones <i>Margot Ravenscroft</i>
7.35pm	Andrew Lee Jones Letters <i>Mark Rylance</i>
7.45pm	Charity Auction <i>Mark Griffith-Jones (Sotheby's)</i>
8.00pm	Champagne Reception
8.30pm	Close

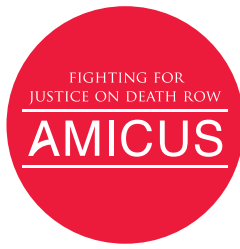


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Welcome & THANK YOU

We are honoured and most grateful that Mark Rylance is hosting this Reception tonight to help us raise desperately needed funds to enable us to continue fighting for justice on death row.

We should also like to thank our sponsors – Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Reed Smith – as, without their support, this event could not take place.

And, of course, we thank you for coming. We are sure that you will enjoy this evening's programme, but we know too that your presence here is testament of your support for our work.

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 after he was executed led her to found The Andrew Lee Jones Fund in 1992. In the early days there was a handful of us running an entirely voluntary organisation. We assisted about five interns a year to work pro bono in a couple of US capital defense offices.

Today, largely because of the support from many of the law firms and chambers represented here tonight, we have a staffed office and an extensive network of volunteers. The office itself is provided by Baker & McKenzie, for which we are eternally grateful. From this base, we:

Place c. 30 to 40 UK volunteer interns a year in US capital defense offices (we work with over 17 offices in 10 states). These interns provide invaluable assistance to over-worked and under-funded US death penalty attorneys. We also place interns for specific projects.

Manage UK-based volunteer casework teams (currently totalling c. 200 UK-based lawyers). These teams undertake specific work-streams for US lawyers, which – quite simply – otherwise would not get done.

Train c. 400 lawyers and students a year in US death penalty law so that they are able to provide assistance (either via our programmes, or if seeking to volunteer in the field through another route). These training programmes are internationally recognised as being at the forefront in their field.

Raise awareness of the situation in the US through the publication of the *Amicus Journal* and by hosting various informative events.

And, for many of our volunteers, their work with Amicus has developed and strengthened their skills, both benefiting their work for their clients in the UK and embedding a lifelong commitment to human rights work both here and overseas.

Although in the late 1990s we changed our trading name to Amicus – reflecting our role as a champion of justice – we have never forgotten our origins. Andrew's trial, conviction and sentencing took place in the mid-1980s, and it is clear that he did not receive appropriate legal representation at that time. Sadly, however, for many defendants facing execution, the situation 30 years on has not improved. In many states, US death penalty defense attorneys remain woefully under-resourced, and many clients face death without their basic human right to a fair trial being upheld.

We have had many successes in our 23 years – assisting in appeals and retrials resulting in exonerations, 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, tonight will help us reach them.

Joanne Cross

Claire Jenkins

William Chipperfield

Mark George QC

David Perkins

Jonathan Pockson

Jon Yorke

A letter of support from

MARK RYLANCE

Reading the letters of Andrew Lee Jones to Jane Officer, I am overcome again, in tears, as I seem to be so often these days, by the cruelty and beauty of human life. If one could experience cruelty or beauty in separate places it might be easier to cope, but they come like ballroom dancers intertwined and leave me standing in the shadows like an awkward 16 year old hoping and praying I won't be asked to dance.

I had determined to keep my Sundays free this year and reduce my work but the honour of being asked to support Amicus could not be dismissed. "The longest serving death row inmate has spent 37 years in a 6ft x 9ft cell. He is still there, waiting to die." I read this in the Amicus program of 2012. He may well be innocent like the 140 other people, in 26 states, released with evidence of innocence between 1973 and 2012.

What kind of a being are we to be able to do this to each other? And then immediately I remember the beauty of the silent, almost angelic presence of Jane Officer, as the invisible recipient of Andrew's letters. All of her letters were destroyed by the guards when Andrew was executed. Could they not bear to witness her kindness? I don't think I could if I was a guard on death row. But here she is, Andrew gives witness to her presence. Perhaps the only intimate presence he had at the end of his brief life.

If I learnt anything playing Thomas Cromwell in Wolf Hall, I was able to envisage much more clearly that justice is not a single dramatic act, an eloquent declaration, the swing of a sword, the bang of a gavel. It is the painstaking untying of a twisted knot with one hand while, with the other hand, you attempt to hold off someone waving a ready pair of scissors! The interns of Amicus would all have jobs with Thomas Cromwell if he was alive today! The beauty of their careful thoughtful work is an inspiration and a comfort. As I said it is an honour to be here tonight.

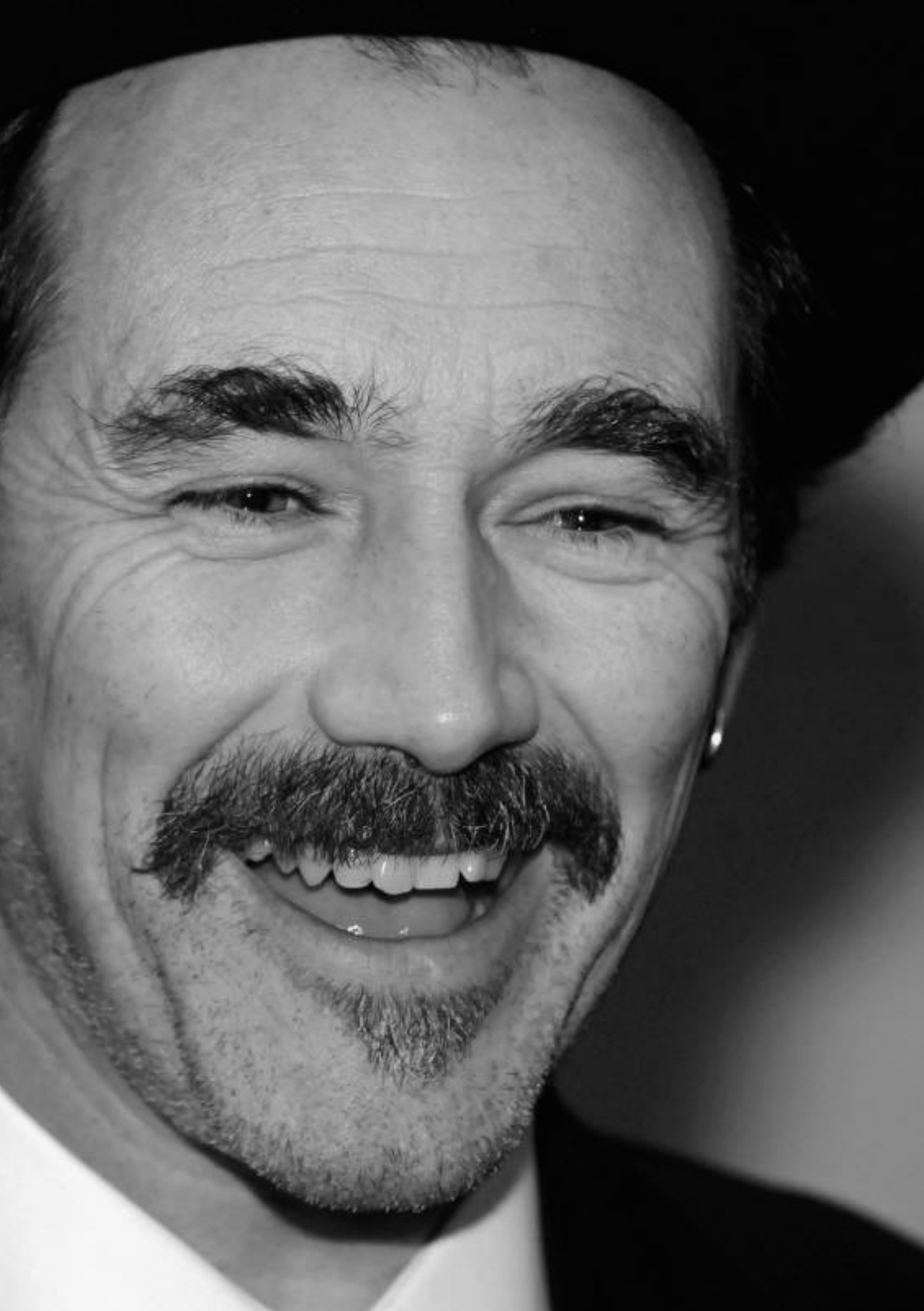
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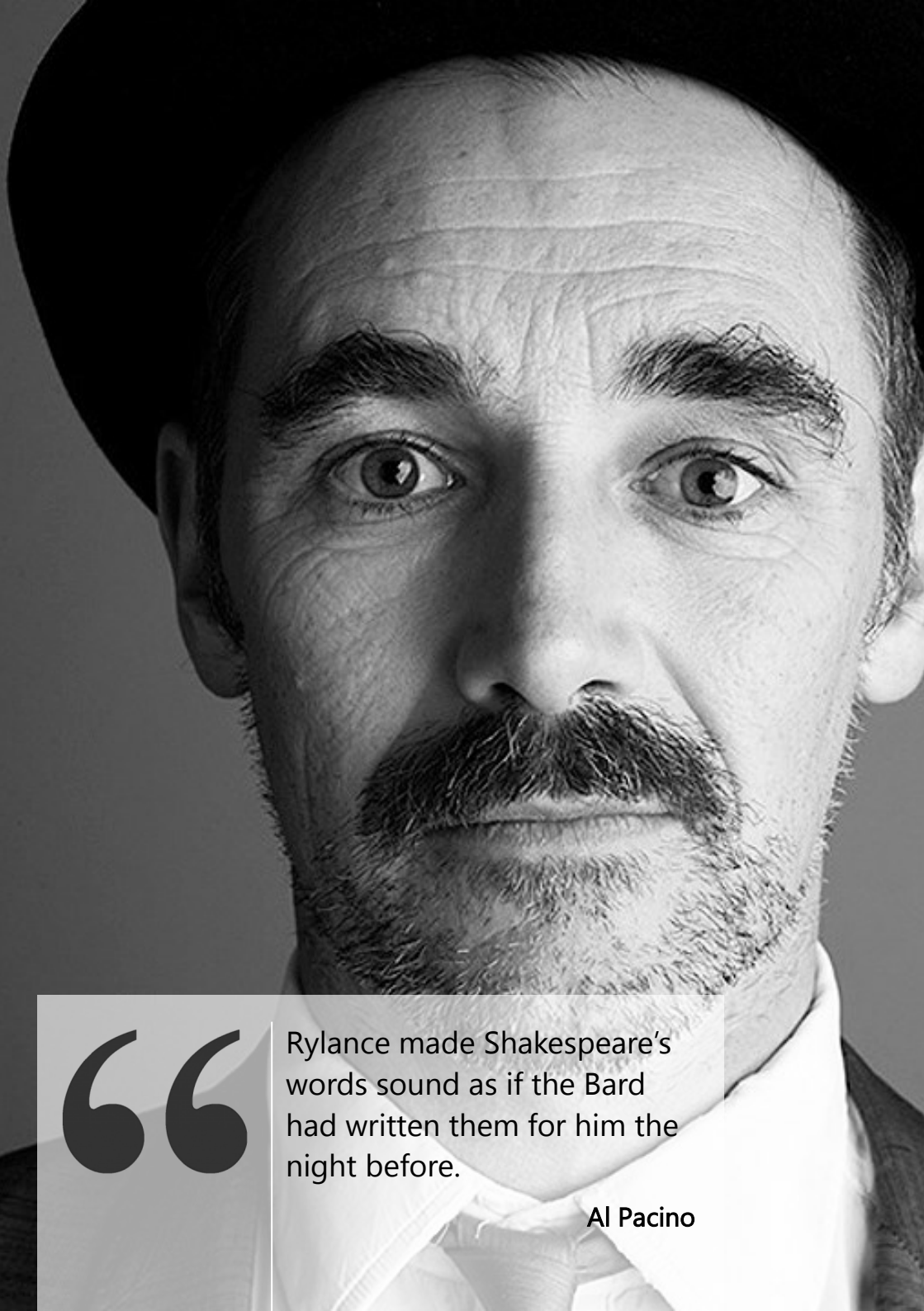


A black and white profile photograph of Mark Rylance, showing his head and shoulder. He is wearing a dark suit jacket and a white shirt. The background is a plain, light gray.

Our Host

MARK RYLANCE





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Rylance made Shakespeare's words sound as if the Bard had written them for him the night before.

Al Pacino



Mark has enjoyed an esteemed career on stage and screen, and as a theatre director and playwright. He is a winner of one BAFTA, two Olivier and three Tony awards, and was the first Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London from 1996 to 2006. In 2007, he wrote his first play, *I Am Shakespeare*, which premiered at the Chichester Festival Theatre. Mark has acted in 52 productions of plays by Shakespeare and his contemporaries, with iconic performances including Olivia in *Twelfth Night* and the title role in *Richard III*. In 2009, Rylance led the original cast of Jez Butterworth's play *Jerusalem* in the role of Rooster, and is currently starring in Shakespeare's Globe's critically-acclaimed production of *Farinelli and the King* at the Duke Of York's Theatre for a strictly limited run.

In 2015 he played Thomas Cromwell in *Wolf Hall*, BBC Two's adaptation of Hilary Mantel's historical novels. He stars with Tom Hanks in Steven Spielberg's upcoming film about the 1960 U-2 incident involving Francis Gary Powers entitled *Bridge of Spies*, and has been cast in the title role of Spielberg's new adaption of *The BFG*.

Mark is an honorary bencher of the Middle Temple Hall in London; trustee of the Shakespearean Authorship Trust; an ambassador of Survival International, the movement for tribal peoples; and a patron of Peace Direct, working for non-violent resolution of conflict.

Amicus is privileged to have Mark Rylance support our Amicus Reception. We extend every thanks to him for his generosity.

Auction & Raffle

PRIZE LIST



Farinelli and the King Private Box followed by a Drink Backstage with Mark Rylance

On either Saturday 7 November or Tuesday 17 November, a private box for two at Duke of York's theatre. After the performance, a visit backstage to have a drink with Mark Rylance. (It may be possible to agree an alternative date, but this is subject to availability.)



South of France Holiday Home

Beautiful farmhouse which sleeps up to 14, with a large swimming pool and extensive grounds, 50 minutes south of Toulouse. Full facilities and games in the house, and a wide selection of activities and sports available nearby. Seven days in June 2016.



Bridge of Spies Special Screening followed by a Q&A Session with Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks

On Wednesday 11 November, two seats at a special screening in central London of Steven Spielberg's latest film starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, followed by a Q&A session with Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks.

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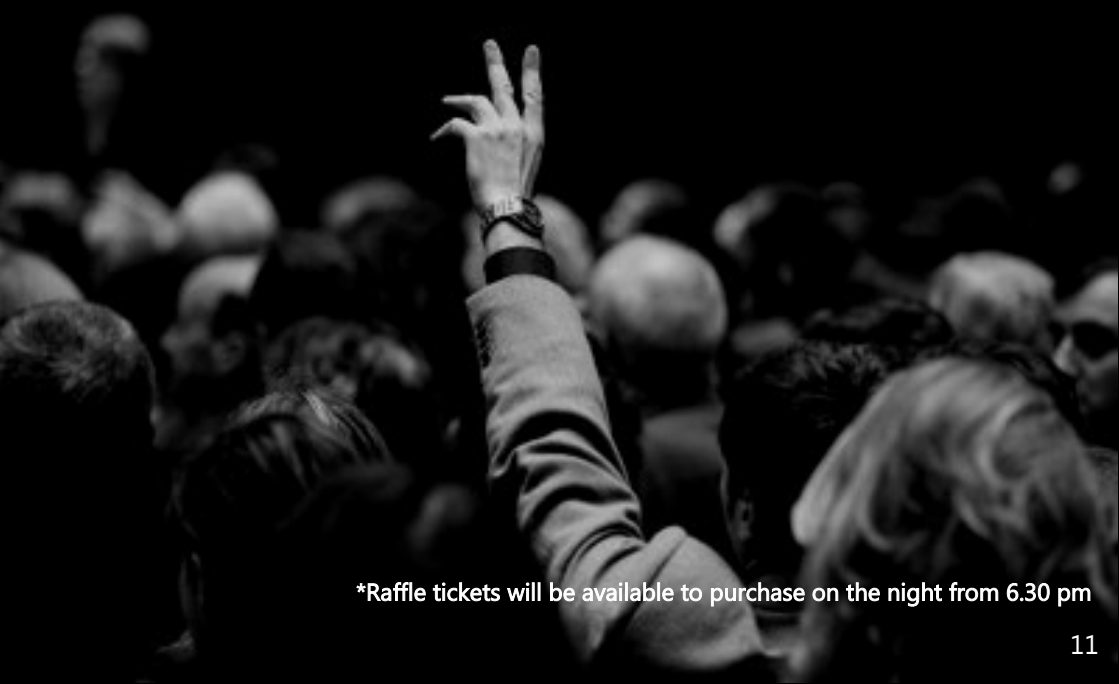
Make-up lesson, hair-styling, private tango class, hotel stay and jewellery.

Night as a guest of RADA

Two tickets to an exclusive Guest Night reception and student-production in the Jerwood Vanbrugh Theatre.

Ascot Racecourse Private Box with Guided Visit to the Weighing Room

On either Friday 20 November or Saturday 21 November, a private box for up to 18, with dedicated balcony, at Ascot Racecourse. Before lunch and racing, guided visit behind-the-scenes to the jockeys' weighing room.



***Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the night from 6.30 pm**

The State vs John Hayes Performance

Between 26 October to 22 November, two tickets to see London Fringe Production of the Year 2014 winners, Epsilon's current award-winning *The State vs John Hayes*. Based on extensive research into real-life female killers.

London Symphony Orchestra

Two tickets to a performance by the LSO.

Illustration by Death Row Inmate Robert Butts

His work demonstrates his artistic abilities despite waiting to be executed on Georgia's death row. Robert has been on death row for almost 20 years.

Portable Writing Kit

Specially made for Mark Rylance before he starred as Thomas Cromwell in the BBC's *Wolf Hall*. The kit includes a container for ink and the equipment for preparing the quill. Mark Rylance kept the kit on his desk throughout filming.



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I spent 17 years, eight months and one day on death row. I was not saved by the system. I was saved in spite of the system.

Juan Roberto Melendez, exoneree



Andrew Lee

JONES

Andrew was born in rural Louisiana, the fifth son of a black share-cropping family. His life changed after 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 defense 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 commonly excluded from serving in East Baton Rouge parish.

On 19 July 1991, the Board of Pardons met to hear the final pleas for clemency from witnesses and appeals from the defense lawyers. Discussion of guilt or innocent 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 defense lawyer at the trial gave evidence. He offered his apologies for not giving Andrew a fair defense. 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. 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 the trial exceeding 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.



Fighting for Justice on Death Row

A MICUS

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, and to raise awareness of potential abuses of defendant's rights.

Amicus' main activities are internships, training, casework, events, legal education and academic research.

01. Internships

The charity arranges volunteer placements with US capital defense attorneys' offices. Since 1992, Amicus has placed interns in every US death penalty state, and has especially close relationships with over 17 offices in 10 key states. Amicus places 30 to 40 volunteers a year for internships of between three and 18 months. As many US capital defense attorneys' offices operate within severe funding constraints, Amicus interns provide an essential contribution to the preservation of defendants' rights to a fair trial and to their rights of appeal.

02. Training

Amicus runs a comprehensive training programme in US criminal law and procedure, legal research, evidence and professional conduct, attended by over 400 participants a year. The training is available for any intern intending to go to the US (including those not being placed by Amicus), equipping them to be of maximum use to an office immediately on arrival, and for UK-based volunteer case workers. The charity is registered as a CPD (continuing professional development) training provider by the Bar Council and by the Law Society. Amicus also runs regional introductory training days to complement its London based training course. Amicus collaborates 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).

03. Casework

Amicus curiae 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 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 caseworkers 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 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 UN Human Rights Commission.

Amicus' lawyers have drafted applications to the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, in Washington, D.C., on behalf of capital defense attorneys in capital cases. Applications have covered such issues as the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (where appellants were 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. Building on its long-standing events programme in London and Birmingham, the charity has extended its reach nation-wide, holding a variety of regional events and activities (for example, in Manchester, Oxford, Newcastle Leeds, Brighton, Guildford and Dundee).

Events include talks by leading US capital defense attorneys and former death row inmates, including by Juan Mendez (who was exonerated, and released from death row after almost 18 years behind bars), and Sonia 'Sunny' Jacobs. Sunny and her partner, Jessie Tafero, were wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to death in 1976. Sunny was finally exonerated and released from prison after 17 years, but, in spite of the evidence of his innocence, Jessie was executed in 1990.

05. Legal Education

Three recipients of Amicus funding have completed US legal education and are practicing full-time as capital defense attorneys. Amicus' long-term objective is to reinstate US legal education grants to individuals who commit to practicing as capital defense attorneys post-qualification.

06 Academic Research

In addition to providing practical assistance, Amicus seeks to promote rigorous reporting, research and analysis of the issues surrounding the death penalty.

Amicus Journal: this internationally-recognized publication is a leading reporter on the significant issues effecting capital punishment worldwide, providing a forum for dialogue on issues concerning the death penalty and related topics. The Journal includes articles by academics and practitioners on current legal issues and on the death penalty from the perspectives of disciplines other than law. It also features news from around the world, case reports, book reviews and front-line reportage from interns working in capital defense offices.

Projects: Amicus undertakes specific research projects for US practitioners, legislators and academics to assist in the development of a better understanding of the issues surrounding capital punishment and the application of the death penalty. In 2005, Amicus concluded a three year project, funded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, based on detailed research conducted by over 60 Amicus interns placed in offices in every US capital punishment state, with the publication of two highly-regarded reports: *Vienna Convention Compliance in Capital Cases in the United States*; and *Executions of Juveniles and Mentally Retarded Defendants in the United States*. In 2015, Amicus again received funding from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to investigate the potential arbitrary application of the death penalty in Missouri, based on the analytical findings of lead criminologist Professor Ray Paternoster.

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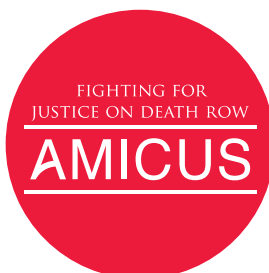
Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of
the Equal Justice Initiative

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Andrew Lee Jones letter to Jane Officer
25 November 1990

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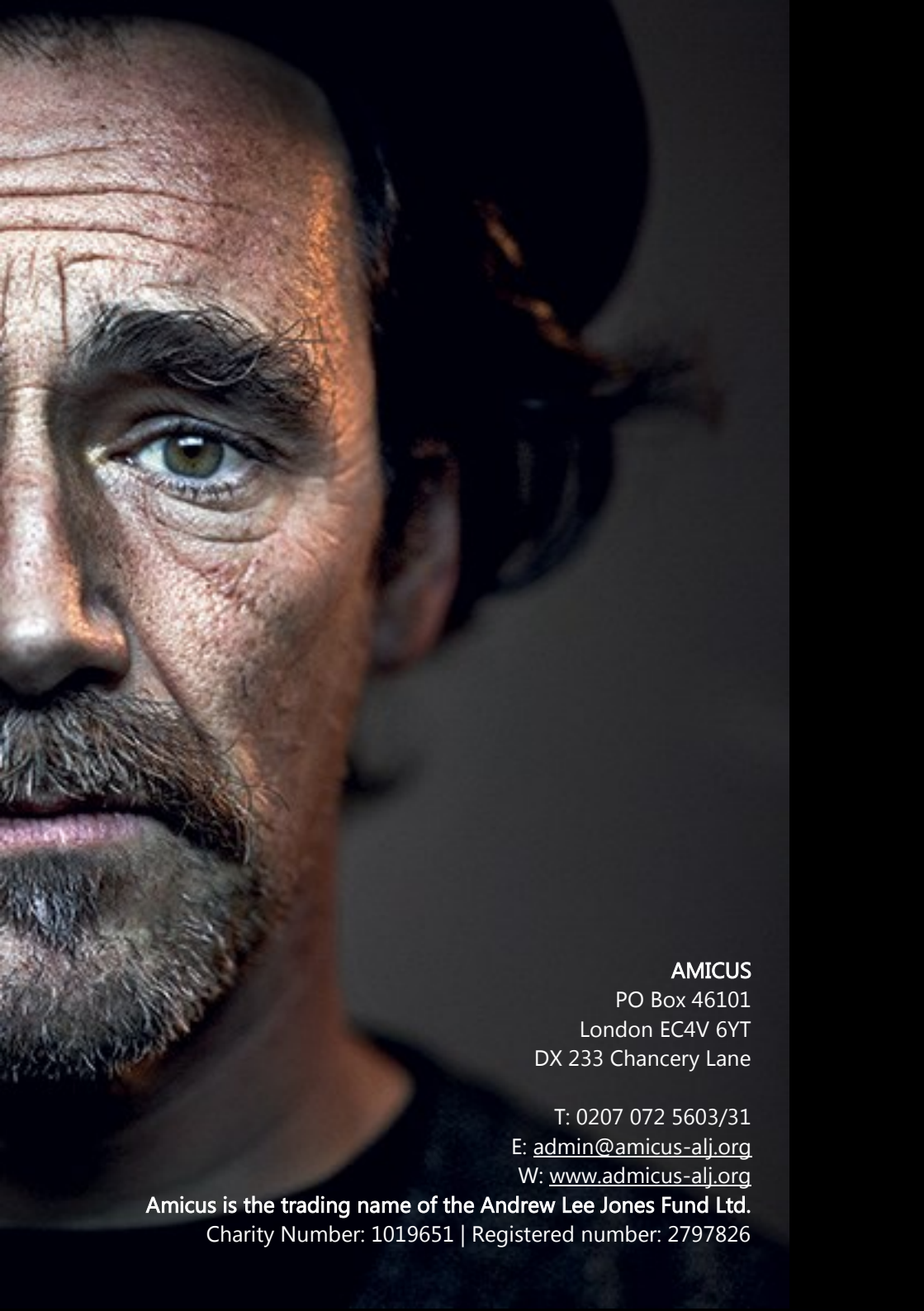
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People who are well represented at trial do not get the death penalty... I have yet to see a death case among the dozens coming to the Supreme Court on eve-of-execution stay applications in which the defendant was well represented at trial.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, US Supreme Court Justice



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