



ATTENTION ALL ADVOCATES. - MOST URGENT

This directly affects all solicitors and the Bar who defend the public.

- * The CLSA and LCCSA warn imminent cuts to legal aid are **far more severe** than first thought. See Association web sites for details¹
- * **Solicitors** should carry out a further full business impact assessment and decide whether to make a stand against these unsustainable cuts.
- * The knock on effect of the cuts will **seriously impact upon the Junior Bar** in terms of reduced instructions and we have been contacted by many who have expressed concerns and wish to register opposition and you can here below.
- * *We are conducting a ballot for you all to have your say.* You can fight the cuts or submit to destruction. It is in your hands. The ballot remains open until **Thursday 25th June 2015 at 10pm**. Here is how to vote. Note this link:

<http://www.criminallawyersunited.com/>

Meeting for London Solicitors and Barrister Monday 29th June Garden Court Chambers 5.30 to discuss united approach to outcome of ballot - can you work at the new rates after 1st July ?

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¹ See e.g <http://www.clsa.co.uk/index.php?q=Chairmans-Blog-18th-June-2015-Home-Truths-Cuts-and-Statistics>. 1. From the 1st July 2015 the rates will be cut by a further 8.75% plus massive reductions in police station rates and 2. From January there will be a further cut to the litigator's fee with no promised review or prior consolidation.