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I was very pleased that Jonathan Djanogly MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice, accepted the Society's invitation to join our Committee after the July Committee meeting. Mr Djanogly is very easy to talk with and I hope that he left with the feeling that CWHLS is available and worthwhile any time he wants an informal sounding board. Radcliffes Le Brasseur were very generous in providing both the venue and a buffet and we are very grateful for the firm's support.

As I have written in The Report, the SRA consultation on the proposed Handbook to replace the Code of Conduct closes in mid August. Our Professional Matters Committee is co-ordinating this Society's response. As this will affect all members of the profession, do take time to read the consultation - www.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/OFR-handbook-May.page. Please let either Julian Aylmer - aylmer.julian@btinternet.com or Susanna Heley - susanna.heley@rlb-law.com have your views as soon as possible.

The Colombia Caravana 2010 returns to Colombia from 23 to 28 August to follow up on the commitments made in 2008 by senior officials, as well as to revisit the human rights defenders in up to eight regions. We wish them well and look forward to receiving their reports on their return.

I have noticed that Fiona Woolf, Past President of the Law Society and a one-time committee member of the City of Westminster Law Society, has been elected Aldermanic Sheriff - We offer our congratulations and wish her a successful year.

I wish you all a good summer and hope to see you on Saturday, 18 September on board SS Shieldhall for the Society's day out

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Fancy a relaxing cruise in the iceberg free month of September? Well we have just the ticket!

The Society, through one of its members, has been able to charter the SS Shieldhall, a 287 foot in length steam ship, moored at the Ocean Village in Southampton, a short stint down the Waterloo train line. The ship will leave port at 11am for a short cruise out into the Solent returning at 16.00. Members are able to purchase refreshments on-board ship and/or take on board their own. Tickets are priced at £37.50 per adult and £5.00 for any child under the age of 13.

For information and booking please go to www.cwahs.org.uk and click through to "events".

MoJ Consultation: proposal to close Mayor's & City of London County Court

The Ministry of Justice has proposed the closure of the Mayor's & City of London Court (not pictured). If the closure goes ahead then the work handled by that Court would be directed to the Central London County Court and the Clerkenwell & Shoreditch County Court.

The closure of one of the three County Courts in Central London raises a concern that our members would potentially lose access to an effective and efficient Court. This potentially would affect access to justice, and slow down the progression of cases with a detrimental effect for clients.

Members are encouraged themselves to respond to the consultation to ensure the Ministry of Justice receives as many responses as possible.

The consultation can be found on the Ministry of Justice website under Consultations - proposed Court closure. The Consultation closes in September so please ensure that you submit early your responses to reflect what if the Court was closed would be the effect on your clients and practices.



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Forthcoming lecture programme

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| 23rd August | Caravana to Colombia |
| 18th September | Outing on S S Shieldhall |
| 20th September | Lecture - The Role of the new Legal Ombudsman |
| 22nd September | Committee Meeting |
| 27th September | Nigel Mayhew Memorial Lecture |
| 19th October | Annual General Meeting |
| 25th October | Workshop: Presentation impact |
| 27th October | Committee Meeting |
| 9th November | Mary Ward Legal Centre lecture and presentation of the Wig & Pen Prize |
| 24th November | Committee Meeting |
| 29th November | Lecture - The Solicitors' Accounts Rules |

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