

Emailed Response

I am so sorry for this delayed response. I was, you might accept, deluged after the CBA Dinner last weekend, and have just drawn breath at the end of a full week in court. My apologies.

I am content to lend support to this letter, though I would not accept any interpretation that might suggest any general want of good practice on the part of Panel Advocates. The key, for me, lies in providing full access to any information and training materials which are currently restricted to CPS employed advocates who are undertaking the e-learning course. As our recent correspondence demonstrates, it is important that prosecution advocates not in CPS employment are given equal access to such course and materials. The sooner that can be facilitated, the better. I await progress on this issue, following our correspondence and indeed my meeting with Martin McKay-Smith last month.

Please keep me informed.

Best wishes

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