



2nd Annual Judicial Review Competition 2014

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BRIEF TO COUNSEL

Dear Counsel,

The Criminal Procedure Rule Committee has just developed a new rule stating that defendants cannot wear face covering garments at any stage in any criminal proceedings.

Counsel is instructed by *Fight for Freedom Solicitors* on behalf of the *UK Religious Rights Organisation* to draft grounds for an application for permission to judicially review the changes, on the basis that the amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules are in breach of human rights law.

The defendant is the Secretary of State for Justice. The Secretary of State's solicitors are Treasury Solicitors, 35 The Mall, London SW1H 9JS. Their phone number is 020 7868 9895 and email address is D.Jefferies@TSol.gov.uk. There are no other interested parties in this case.

Thank you for your help on this important case.

Kind regards,

William Blake



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Rules

1. Applications must be made in teams of two.
2. A person is eligible if he or she is studying for or has recently undertaken; a law undergraduate degree, postgraduate studies in law, the GDL, BPTC or LPC. Those who have already been called to the Bar or admitted as a solicitors are ineligible.
3. Written Submissions must be made in the form of a Judicial Review Claim Form N461. A blank N461 can be found [here](#). An example of a completed N461 can be viewed [here](#).
4. Applicants' statement of facts and grounds must not exceed 1000 words in total. NB as there may be insufficient space for your statement of grounds Claimants are permitted to attach grounds with their Claim Form.
5. All forms and any attached grounds must be submitted to the HRLA Administrator by email (administrator@hrla.org.uk) **NB** if you are using Adobe Reader you will not be able to save an electronic copy of your application form. If do not have access to a program allowing you to save information into PDF forms, Foxit Reader can be downloaded [here](#) and used for this purpose.
6. Oral submissions for the permission stage are limited to approximately 5 minutes per advocate (10 minutes *in toto*). A further 5 minutes may be provided at the discretion of the Court for answers to judicial questions.
7. Oral submissions for the substantive stage are limited to 8 minutes per team member (16 minutes *in toto*)
8. Judicial interruptions may occur during as opposed to at the end of submissions. This is entirely at the discretion of the Court.
9. Each team is limited to referring to 6 authorities as well as to the White Book, Supplements and legislation.
10. Counsel is unable to attend the oral hearing his or her team will be disqualified from the competition. The team with the next highest score will take their place.



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11. All written submissions and preparation for the oral hearings must be the work of the team only.
12. The teams for the final will be randomly assigned to either pursue the application or defend it.
13. The decision of the Judges and the Committee shall be final.

Dates

16 February 2014

Written submissions for permission to apply for judicial review are to be submitted by each team by way of Judicial Review Claim Form N461. **NB** Claimants are permitted to attach grounds with their Claim Form if they wish.

3 March 2014

The successful teams granted leave to apply for permission orally will be notified by email.

19 March 2014

Oral hearings for permission for judicial review will take place in the evening in The Temple, London. The two teams progressing to the final will be informed on the night, and will also be informed of whether they will be acting as the Claimant or Defendant in the final.

16 April 2014

Claimant to submit their grounds and skeleton.

30 April 2014

Defendant to submit their detailed grounds of defence and skeleton.

8 May 2014

Parties to submit their agreed bundle in triplicate.

15 May 2013

The Final: The substantive application for judicial review will be heard preceding dinner at Middle Temple, before a panel of distinguished human rights practitioners. The winning team will be announced that evening.

Prizes – to be confirmed