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## Press release

### Third European Lay Judge Forum in London

50 lay judges from countries all over Europe are meeting to agree and publish a joint European Charter. The third European Lay Judge Forum is being held in London from **22 to 24 July 2011**. The Forum's objective is to extend lay involvement in judicial decision making as an essential component of a democratic society. In essence, the objective is to create a European wide strategy to emphasise the role of ordinary citizens as judges and assessors within the justice systems of any of the states.

The 2011 Lay Judge Forum will be taking place in London, on the occasion of the 650th celebration of the institution of Justices of the Peace in England and Wales. The Forum is a constituent part of the project entitled 'European Day of Lay Judges' which is funded by the European Commission. It has been organised by the European Academy Berlin, the Federal Association of Lay Judges (Germany) and the Magistrates' Association of England and Wales.

#### Outline of the programme:

#### **Friday, 22 July 2011**

- 13.30 hrs Reception at the Magistrates' Association  
Visit to Supreme Court and to Royal Court of Justice
- 19.00 hrs Close

#### **Saturday, 23 July 2011**

- 09.00 hrs Lay involvement in criminal law across Europe
- 14.00 hrs Lay involvement in civil law across Europe
- 17.00 hrs Lay involvement in commercial law
- 17.30 hrs Lay involvement in juvenile law
- 18.00 hrs Close

#### **Sunday, 24 July 2011**

- 09.00 hrs A European charter for lay judges: discussion
- 14.00 hrs A European college of lay judges
- 15.30 hrs Conference closes

#### **Conference venue**

The Royal College of Surgeons of England  
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
London WC2A 3PE

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