



The Law Society

## **What Price Justice? The Law Society's legal aid campaign**

### **Further details**

#### **City firms vent fury at legal aid reforms**

20 November 2006

City firms, angry at the way the Government is drowning legal aid, have put their weight behind the Law Society's campaign to demand the Government reconsiders its plans to reform the legal aid system.

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#### **First woman solicitor QC may quit over Carter reforms**

24 October 2006

June Venters, who recently became the first woman solicitor QC, has slammed the government in a speech critical of the Carter reforms. She declared she will be forced to quit legal aid if they are pushed through in their current form.

Desmond Hudson, Law Society Chief Executive, said: "It is shameful that someone so talented and dedicated to public service as June Venters could be forced out of legal aid work by these plans. This Government is at risk of presiding over the destruction of the legal aid system that its predecessors fought so hard to establish. It will be the parents of children taken into care without good reason who will suffer most when there is no legal aid solicitor to help them."

[Download June Venters' full speech](#) (PDF, 52kb)

[Read an article in Legal Week](#)

#### **Government rethink welcome, but extra funding is key**

14 October 2006

The Lord Chancellor has announced a complete rethink of plans for fixed fees in family and civil legal aid cases. He's also agreed to reconsider the timetable for implementation of the Carter reforms. The Law Society welcomes these concessions but believes extra funding is essential to guarantee a viable legal aid sector.

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