



**A Statement from the CLLS following yesterday's announcement of
a new offer from Government to Barristers**

“One of the pillars of this country's civilised and democratic society is our traditional respect for the Rule of Law, one of the principles of which is access to justice for all without unreasonable delay. In turn, that requires sufficient judges to hear cases, courts that work, access to legal representation, and funding for those that need it. The traditional excellence of the court service in England and Wales has been severely impaired by many years of underinvestment. The criminal justice system, in particular, is in crisis. It requires transformational funding if it is to provide the service this country deserves and preserve the Rule of Law. We encourage the Ministry of Justice and the new Government to provide that funding, including by paying reasonable rates to those that represent parties in the criminal justice system.”

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