

[#sahca](#) forgot to mention when we discussed QAA with panel including Thomas LJ, Plowden, Ventners etc we are <http://tl.gd/6v116e> 2 minutes ago via [TwitBird](#)

No. The legality of procureco as a vehicle to avoid "conflict of interest" dilemma needs to be <http://tl.gd/6v0qpq> about 1 hour ago via [TwitBird](#)

Now we split into plenary sessions so tweets over. Goodbye and good luck. Plan your future with real care. [about 4 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Question: real driver for future won't be Bar V Solicitor but private funded v public funded? NG: yes DH: <http://tl.gd/6uuir1> about 4 hours ago via [TwitBird](#)

@[RichardMoorhead](#) not really. Bar will compete for contracts. [about 4 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#) in reply to [RichardMoorhead](#)

DES Hudson the changes coming and "competition" will adversely affect Solicitors. There are too many <http://tl.gd/6uucm3> about 4 hours ago via [TwitBird](#)

NG: civil law-Ken Clarke thinks Jackson is right. Regulator-there are 3. Bar Council happy to regulate <http://tl.gd/6uu4ln> about 4 hours ago via [TwitBird](#)

NG: for barristers to survive they have worked out different models. Next Jan Govt will publish legal <http://tl.gd/6uu22s> about 4 hours ago via [TwitBird](#)

NG: not rational for barristers to get involved in a unit to which conflict rules will apply therefore <http://tl.gd/6utuh5> about 4 hours ago via [TwitBird](#)

NG: bar and solicitors will work together and there has already been joint planning. [about 4 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Nick Green: there ain't no more money. Eligibility for family and civil to be cut. New tenders in 2012 will have 90% bar participating. [about 4 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Future of Advocacy Market with Nick Green and DES Hudson (law soc chief exec) [#sahca about 4 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Attendee: judges job is to judge case. How can a judge undertake assessment and conduct a trial? <time for lunch> [about 5 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

DPP: have to be alive to problem. Transparency will allow prejudice by judges to be identified so judges will be forced to be fair [about 5 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Danny Simpson: some judges do wish to protect bar from "threats". [about 6 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Attendee: no objection to assessment by judges. But what effect on advocate before "assessor"?? [about 6 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Conference attendee: judges on pilot did not wish to assess advocates? Thomas: spoken to judges. Reaction is <http://tl.gd/6usna7> [about 6 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Thomas: regulators working towards 2011. Case management not relevant re advocacy QA. Judges do assess people <http://tl.gd/6usj43> [about 6 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

DPP: I want to move to panel of advocates-solicitors and barristers [about 6 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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41. MH: changes-nothing to fear- aimed at small proportion of advocates [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
42. MH: SRA wishes to use light touch and outcome focused with ABSs in mind. Aware of criticisms of QAA. Some form <http://tl.gd/6urir5> [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
43. MH: board member SRA [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
44. Mark Humphries: founder member and past chair of sahca [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
45. DPP: looking at QA panels of independent barristers [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
46. DPP: we have had a grading system 1234 and assessment by assessors both from within and without CPS ongoing [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
47. DPP: a lot of comments of in-house advocates at CPS. Conducts unannounced court visits. Observes CPS and others. <http://tl.gd/6ureic> [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
48. DPP: QA essential. At CPS there is no distinction. Common standard essential. [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
49. DPP decisions we make now are very important for future advocates. Money for public funded work will be greatly reduced [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)
50. DPP now [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: I want to know how we can make QAA work [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: there are bad advocates doing cases they should not be doing. I've seen then at theC of A [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: if there is bias then we need to know about it [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: QA requires common standard and judicial involvement in assessment at levels 3&4 [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: interests of defendant; justice and state re public funding demands QA [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: lord carter had talked about quality as a precursor to price competition [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Thomas: growth of numbers of advocates; pressures on finances and price competition are reasons for QA. [about 7 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Lord Justice Thomas on panel now with others [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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Who will pay for QA? Will it force even more out of legal aid? [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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QA safeguards now as AG goes to Bar Council meeting [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

AG: motive is to raise advocacy standards. Will help advocates improve and will identify those who shouldn't be advocates [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Q: is this not a cynical move to restrict HCAs? [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Q from floor: what's to be done to raise standards of judges? AG: judges take this seriously and work is being done to improve case manage't [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

AG: delay wastes taxpayer money so standards need to be raised [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

AG: unduly lenient sentences arise out of poor advocacy [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Dominic Grieve: competition backed by high standards is a thoroughly good thing [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

sahca to work towards raising awareness of solicitor advocates with pr consultants. sahca helping train trainers in in Tanzania. [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

What are the deficiencies of solicitor advocates that require the proposed QAA scheme? [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

Yvonne Spencer outlines conference agenda around quality assurance. LSA 07 requires regulators to have quality assessment systems [about 8 hours ago](#) via [TwitBird](#)

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@[Charonqc](#) the hot topic is QAA and the role of Judges in that process [about 11 hours ago](#) via [TweetDeck](#) [in reply to Charonqc](#)