

Government Proposals Will Limit Access to Justice!

...did you know that proposals to shake up the legal aid system will deal a blow to access to justice for black minority ethnic (BME) communities? They will:

- 'cull' BME firms at a time when they are most needed by their communities
 - severely restrict individuals' right to choose a solicitor to represent them in times of trouble.

You are invited to attend the

Access to Justice Forum

Thursday 2nd November 2006, 6pm
City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA
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**Doreen Lawrence,
Keynote Speaker**

Lee Jasper, Policy Director, Policing & Equalities Greater London Authority
On the impact of the proposals on BME communities.
Other speakers to be confirmed

This is a **FREE** event. **Register early as places are limited**

To book your place, please email carterdiversitygroup@yahoo.co.uk with your name, organisation, and telephone number.

Please pass on this invitation to other colleagues with an interest in this important issue.

If you are unable to attend but want to register your support please complete and return the attached petition.

The Aim of the Forum is to bring together community groups who will be most affected by these proposals:

- To raise awareness about the Government's proposals
 - To provide a forum for you to have your say
 - To make recommendations for action

This event is organised by the Carter Diversity Group, a broad cross-section of BME barristers and solicitors, including representatives from the Black Solicitors Network, the Society of Asian Lawyers, The South East Circuit Minorities Committee and members of the Bar Council's Race and Religion Committee.