

CBA BALLOT

VOTE YES

The CBA's decision, on 26th March, to call off the industrial action was entirely the wrong decision, short-sighted and unnecessary.

We have allowed Mr Grayling, who was 'on the ropes', to divide and rule us. Why did we feel the need to take Grayling's first offer? He was running scared, and in no position to dictate terms.

Solicitors are still facing 17.5% fee cuts. This will result in hundreds of firms going bust, and the remaining BFG firms providing a 'pile it high, sell it cheap' service and taking virtually all work in-house. This will decimate the junior criminal bar; far from the good deal that the CBA claim to have achieved for its young members. And for the senior members of the Bar, the VHCC cuts remain untouched.

We need to fight WITH the solicitors, in our interests as well as theirs. We have demonstrated that we possess the industrial muscle to force Grayling's hand. He has demonstrated his weakness. We must demand that he restores the status quo ante for both professions, and shelves ALL of the cuts.

VOTE 'YES' TO REJECT 'THE DEAL' AND TO RESTORE THE CAMPAIGN OF DIRECT ACTION