

**ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF-ELECT GREGORY JONES KC  
& SHERIFF-ELECT DAVID CHALK  
SHRIEVAL PLAN 2024/2025**

**Introduction**

1. In preparing this plan we, Alderman Gregory Jones KC (**SH1E**) and David Chalk (**SH2E**) have spoken to the Lord Mayor (**LM**), the Senior Alderman Below the Chair (**SABTAC**) and the Recorder (**ROL**). We have also spoken to both current SH1 and SH2 on several occasions and have been provided with useful briefing notes from both, as well as from the Shrieval support team as part of the induction that we have received. We have also researched the history of the office and spoken to previous Sheriffs and LMs. We are very grateful to all of them for their careful and excellent advice. We have also sought to align our plan with the CoL Corporate Plan and issues identified by the leadership in various briefings.
2. We are *very* conscious of resource and staffing limitations. Part of the plan is to seek through engagement to secure both financial and resource support from stakeholders to maximise impact

**Overarching Role:**

**Supporting the LM and future LM (SABTAC)** in their work promoting the COL and UK and their respective themes: Connect to Prosper (**CTP**) and Growth Unleashed (**GU**).

3. This means attending events with the LM or other events as directed by the LM, substituting when required for the LM to deliver required messages e.g. Greg Jones (**SH1E**) will carry out this role for LM in October for an AI event that the LM is unable to attend.
4. Specifically: for SABTAC:  
Rule of Law (1) – Overseas visits are being planned where there are significant numbers of UK-trained lawyers – i.e. Common Law jurisdictions. Gregory Jones (**SH1E**) will assist with these visits. Through his connections, SABTAC is already

planning events in venues such as Singapore through SH1E contacts with the Inns of Court.

Rule of Law (2) – SH1E, his wife Rosali Pretorius and SH2E will help SABBAC host elements of London Disputes Week (June 2025).

Communities – SH1E and SH2E will assist the foundation and growth of many of SABBAC’s planned City Belonging Networks – the Communities Programme in his Mayoralty - acting as liaison with the City Law firms (large and small) and with barristers’ chambers, social welfare, financing ageing population. SH1E and SH2E will support SABBAC to identify potential members of the Governing Bodies of these Networks, in particular, Sheriff SH2E will use the convening power of the Shrievalty and the OB to bring together care professionals, policymakers and the financial services sector to address opportunities to grow the market by developing new products and services supporting later-life care funding.

Growth Agenda – SH1E and his Rosali will assist on giving advice on proposed regulatory reform relevant to financial and professional services regulation that the City of London Corporation might wish to recommend to HMG. SH2E will assist on events addressing competitive challenges and opportunities of ageing populations.

Technology (1) – SH1E and Rosali will advise on the various types of law-tech advances that could be promoted among the UK Professional Services communities to keep them competitive.

Technology (2) – SH1E and his Rosali will assist in ensuring that large numbers of law firms participate in the series of hackathons that are planned to promote adoption of the new technologies in UK financial and professional services.

### **Specific Shrieval Objectives: to promote the rule of law and legal services**

6. This means:

(1) Supporting the judiciary at the Old Bailey (**OB**) in their judicial functions and:

(2) Championing the ‘**City Side**’ of the OB as an internationally recognised forum for the promotion of legal services and London & the UK as the venue of choice for legal transactions, disputes and arbitration & mediation.

## **Delivery Mechanisms**

### ***Stakeholder Relationships***

7. *Internal*: Maintaining strong links with *Mansion House*; Embedding legal relationship with City Remembrancers’ Dept sharing legal contacts and guest lists (e.g., with City

& Legal Lectures, Old Bailey Brunches and IDBE training); and using links within the wider Corporation – for example, the Corporate Affairs and Innovation and Growth Departments – to assist in the planning of events. Drawing on primarily CoA and some members of Co. Co. in convening events, in particular, brunches, targeted lunches. Focused communications passed via COL Comms Dept. Involvement with members of the OB judiciary with ‘City Side’ events.

8. *External:* Engagement with *City law firms, financial institutions, and other businesses* involving some sponsored and joint events. Sponsorship can bring in not only money but also in the form of extra administrative support. Also, other engagement, including Inns of Court (e.g. facilitating promotion of Rule of Law and legal services) training for Argentinian judiciary, British armed forces lawyers. Hosting at the OB senior lawyers, senior members of the judiciary with business leaders and inhouse corporate counsel. City of London Law Society – joint events: Chatham House: International Law Programme – joint events. Chair of Bar Council – assisting in hosting international law delegations to the UK. Hosting AGM for LRAC (requested by Sir Ken Olisa).
9. *OB Lunches* maintain the ‘**mixed lunches**’ with invitations to a range of civic and business stakeholders within UK and international as well as wider media, politicians, charity and legal sectors to include ‘**target sector**’ lunches where numbers are the same 4/5 (e.g. invitation to HAC) and a limited number of themed lunches where the number are slightly greater. It is intended that guests will be sent QR code for access to the explanatory short interviews on the role of Sheriff, Recorder, judges etc. on the new web site.

### ***‘City & Legal’ Lecture and Networking Programme***

10. *The ‘City & Legal’ programme* addresses that interface between law and a range of financial and professional sectors. A distinguished speaker delivers a 30-40 mins lecture to a select max 100 audience in No 1 Court followed by comment by a panel of business experts in the field after which networking drinks and select dinner for key guests and speaker. ***Confirmed topics include*** AI, crypto assets, cyber security, climate change implications, access to the courts, human rights: ***Confirmed Speakers*** include: the Master of the Rolls, Rory Stewart, Joshua Rosenberg, Mrs Justice Joanna Smith, Professor Aine Ryall (Chair of Aarhus Compliance Committee), the Secret Barrister and Time Judge Tim Eicke KC (UK Judge at the European Court of Human Rights). ***Confirmed Sponsors*** include WPP, Clifford Chance and Simmons & Simmons. ***Confirmed Panel Members*** include Simon Kuper of the FT, Samira Ahmed of the BBC, the International Lead Counsel of Microsoft, the CTO of WPP, Wayne Barnes (former international rugby referee), Roy Hodgson former England football manager.

### ***Big Bailey Brunch, etc.***

11. *A number of themed lunch/brunches/afternoon networking* events some convened with assistance of CoA on range of financial sectors with legal issues likely to be under the Chatham House Rule. Confirmed topics and partners include: smarter financial regulation with Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (Angela Knight CBE and Stephen Piner), Unlocking finance for life science (with Lord Professor Ajay Kakkar), 'Impact of competition law on the business of sport: CJEU ruling in UEFA' – (with Mr Justice Roth – Mark Bullingham, CEO of the FA, Bill Sweeney CEO of the RFU, Steve Parish, Chair Crystal Palace FC.)

### ***OB 'City Side' Web Page***

12. *Live social media feed.* Content to include where available text of C&L lectures and podcasts, as well as introductory short films of the roles of Sheriff, Recorder, Common Sergeant, Judges and the OB. The aim is by the end of first quarter that guests to OB will be given QR cards with links to the interviews.

### ***Shrieval Advisory Group***

13. We have established a SAG to provide Sheriffs especially the SH1E with informal advice and contacts (possible revival of Sheriffs' Yeoman in honorary capacity).

### ***Possible Collaborative Events***

14. *IBDE Training:* Initiated and jointly arranged between Shrievalty, City Remembrancer's Dept, Sir Mark Boleat (Chair), Rudi Guraziu, Chief Executive of International Business and Diplomatic Exchange (IBDE): Half -day introduction and policy update for diplomats on the City of London Corporation.
15. *St Patrick's Day event* with Drapers, Mercers, Skinner Hon Irish Society, – objective to engage with business diaspora of Irish in the City.- Anglo– Irish law Similarities and differences? How it impacts upon business.
16. *4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 celebration:* USA-ENGLISH COMMON LAW in conjunction with the US Embassy and US law firms.

## **Charity**

**Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund, LM Appeal, specific charities**

17. Following completion of the Shrieval year programme activities any sponsorship surplus will go to S&R Fund.

18. *Sheriffs' Ball*: We are particularly grateful to the outgoing sheriffs for highlighting the need for a rethink of this event. We aim to hold the Ball at the Drapers' Hall possibly for two nights. 2025 will be the centenary of the publication of the Great Gatsby and we are minded to hold a GG 1920's themed ball.
19. *City Lawyers Art Collection*: Rosali Pretorius is a partner in Simmons & Simmons. Like many City law firms it has a wonderful art collection. These paintings are rarely seen and certainly not together. Along with an art expert, Rosali is seeking to bring a series of collections together for display at the OB for fund raising for S&R fund and possibly also for joint display of prisoners' artwork inspired by paintings in the collection.
20. *Branded English Wine*: SH1E and SH2E will promote sustainability by having English sparkling wine at lunches with bespoke personal labelled 'Shrieval Cru' Trial of 500 bottles of branded "Old Bailey No.1 Court" Trial of 300 bottles of branded "Old Bailey: Green Carnation" to commemorate 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oscar Wilde's Trial at No.1 Court. Any profits from wine sales to S&R fund.
21. *Fund raiser for the S&RF*: Livery Charity English Wine Tasting: Oscar Wilde Trial Re-enactment (possibly with Trial & Error), an evening with rugby stars (male and female). Boxing match (Ald R Howard) (NB without dining or SH1E or SH2E active participation).

### **Continuity**

22. Encourage member of CoA to "knock judges in." We will continue with the post lunch request for the S&R Fund established by the current sheriffs and other regular commitments such as the Sheriff's award for bravery, charity playing cards, support of Trial & Error, Abe Bailey Scholars from South Africa.
23. *Schools' Knife Crime Projects*: SH1E and SH2E will assist and hopefully complement on the existing programmes with our livery schools in the East End and SE London at the OB e.g. SH1E is president of Sir John Staples Society <https://www.leathersellers-federation.com/179/news/article/30/sir-john-staples-society> which promotes opportunities through its patrons such Margaret Casely-Hayford CBE and BBC Sports Commentator Topsy Ojo.

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