



Wood Green Crown Court – Judge's Recommendation – Request for Written Safeguarding Information

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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT – JUDGE'S RECOMMENDATION – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

I attended **Wood Green Crown Court** on **26 August 2026**.

During the proceedings, the Judge recommended that I obtain legal representation and I was provided with a document headed "**LIST OF LOCAL SOLICITORS**."

Hodge Jones & Allen was one of the firms identified on the list provided to me.

I am therefore contacting Hodge Jones & Allen LLP as a direct consequence of following the recommendation made to me by the Judge.

Before deciding whether I can properly seek or accept legal representation from your firm, I require clear written information concerning the safeguards operating within Hodge Jones & Allen LLP against **anti-Black racism and institutional racism in its decision-making processes**.

For the avoidance of doubt, I make **no allegation, accusation, assertion or assumption** that Hodge Jones & Allen LLP, or any person employed by or associated with the firm, is racist or institutionally racist.

My purpose is to establish the relevant facts so that I can make an informed decision concerning legal representation.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Please provide:

1. Details of any specific policies, procedures or safeguards maintained by Hodge Jones & Allen LLP to prevent, identify and address **anti-Black racism** within professional and organisational decision-making.
2. Details of any safeguards maintained by the firm against **institutional racism**, including safeguards applicable to decisions concerning:
 - whether to accept or decline a client;
 - allocation of solicitors and advocates;
 - legal advice;

- case strategy;
 - representation;
 - treatment of evidence;
 - complaints; and
 - other material professional decisions affecting a client.
3. Details of any training provided to solicitors, advocates, managers or other staff specifically concerning:
 - anti-Black racism;
 - institutional racism;
 - racial bias; and
 - unconscious bias.
 4. Details of how compliance with those safeguards is monitored, reviewed, audited or otherwise assessed.
 5. Identification, by name and/or professional position where appropriate, of the person or persons responsible for ensuring that those safeguards operate effectively.
 6. Details of the procedure available to a Black client who believes that racial bias, anti-Black racism or institutional racism may have affected a decision concerning their legal representation.
 7. Confirmation as to whether Hodge Jones & Allen LLP is willing and professionally equipped to advise and represent a defendant where questions concerning **anti-Black racism, institutional racism, racial bias and safeguards within criminal-justice decision-making** form a material part of the defendant's concerns and case.

Where applicable, please provide copies of, or direct references to, the policies, procedures, professional standards or other documentary material upon which your response relies.

A general assurance that the firm supports equality, complies with equality legislation or does not discriminate will not, by itself, answer the questions above.

I am specifically seeking information identifying the **actual safeguards, procedures and accountability mechanisms operating within the firm's decision-making processes**.

REPORT BACK TO THE COURT

I intend to report back to **Wood Green Crown Court** concerning the steps I have taken following the Judge's recommendation that I obtain legal representation.

I will therefore maintain an accurate documentary record of:

- the firms identified to me;
- the enquiries I made;
- the substantive responses received;
- any documents or policies supplied; and
- any absence of a substantive response by the stated date.

Your response will therefore form part of my record of the steps taken by me in following the Judge's recommendation.

RESPONSE DATE

I respectfully request a substantive written response **no later than 16 September 2026**.

If Hodge Jones & Allen LLP requires additional time to provide a substantive response, please notify me **in writing before 16 September 2026**, identifying the additional time required.

I require all communication concerning this matter **in writing**.

Yours faithfully,

Derrick Lynch known as John Canoe