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- Acknowledgements have been received following letters of complaint Iain made to the **Law Society for England**, the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners (CRFP), Lord Advocate, Minister for Justice and Shirley's legal team about the **untruths, innuendo and defamatory remarks** contained in the various letters produced by Mr Swann's representative. As stated previously the complaints are not centred on any legitimate defences put forward on behalf of Mr Swann and the SCRO but focus on the way their case was presented without regard to the truth or common decency.
http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/SCROANDPETERSWANN4_001.pdf
- As we go to press some doubt is being expressed whether the **Scottish Law Convention** due to be held on Wednesday 15 June 2005 will in fact now take place. Interestingly there has been media interest on the issue of the compromised roles of the **Lord Advocate** and there are clear signs of political unrest about his being in control of the prosecution services while being a defendant in Shirley's case with the power to withhold documents.
<http://www.firmmagazine.com/awards/convention/>
- As Iain highlighted mid-week Kasey Wertheim on his fingerprint website www.clpex.com has been trying to initiate debate on what will be the consequences if the 'splinters' of the unresolved disputes about the 'Shirley McKie' and 'Marion Ross' identifications claimed by **SCRO and Peter Swann** are not removed. Iain has been looking at **Robert Stacey's** report that followed the enquiry into the **FBI's** erroneous **Brandon Mayfield** identification and a follow up article in the **CAC News** and feels they have something to say on this debate. He hopes to respond in the coming week.
<http://www.cacnews.org/pdfs/2ndq05.pdf> (pages 5/6)
- Further phone calls have had to be made seeking release of documents under the **Freedom of Information Act**. After a promising start **Strathclyde Police** are dragging their heels. **Strathclyde Joint Police Board** have been silent for weeks re Iain's appeal against their decision to allow access to the secret internal report that cleared the SCRO experts of any wrongdoing on the grounds there is **no overriding public interest**.
<http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FreedomofInformationUpdate.pdf>
- We still wait for a decision following the **Cross party meeting** between representatives from all parties within the Scottish Parliament and the **Minister for Justice Cathy Jamieson**.
- We are aware that there are happenings every week that do not receive publicity but never the less affect **Shirley** very deeply. Over the past two weeks she has been subjected to two further **psychiatric examinations** on behalf of the two legal teams. Lasting up to two hours these meetings bring all the trauma flooding back and it is hard not to be cynical at times that each side is seeking to score points for their clients rather than trying to really understand the effect in human terms the past 8 years have had. Having spent so long fighting for her sanity the irony of having to submit to psychiatric examination is not lost on her.
- As ever "thank you" to those supporters who have been in touch with Shirley and Iain. Meanwhile the legal team are busy preparing for next year's civil hearing sifting through the mass of evidence gathered over the years and making final decisions on witnesses to be called.
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