

## Justice for all - unless you are poor



Professor Andrew Sanders

"The lawyer-client relationship will be destroyed as clients will not be able to change their lawyer if they are not satisfied with their work."

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AM on 13 June 2013, **Ng Shu Qin** wrote

I believe what Prof Sanders is discussing in his paper is very true indeed. In fact this is not just happening to the legal sector, but to other public sectors such as health care too. The rich are getting richer, because they are self sustainable, their children receive better education i.e private schools, which ensure that they will head somewhere in life at a later stage anyways. However, much of the poor are getting poorer since their children receive very poor education and much of the policies are not in their favor. As much as I want to agree with a below comment on how people are denied justice due to its crippling cost, dont you think that by reducing the money channeled towards this, it will only make the issue worst off for people who can't really afford private legal services in the first place?

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AM on 10 June 2013, **jian zhou (http://china maanshan chunhuihome)** wrote

Please receive it. The real injustice has been that the majority of people in work who would not have qualified to receive legal aid, but paid taxes to the treasury which ultimately wound up funding it, have been denied access to justice due to the crippling costs. thanks.for you

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M on 10 June 2013, **Teneil Brown** wrote

I am not a national of Britain and am therefore not au fait with what maintains in the British judiciary system. Nonetheless, I found this particular situation as chronicled and argued by Professor Sanders insightful yet disturbing. I do hope in dissecting the matter, that as he says in the last paragraph, people will object to these policies and hold Government accountable to the least among the populace so that there can be 'justice for all' as justice was intended to be executed.

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M on 05 June 2013, **David McNeil** wrote

The real injustice has been that the majority of people in work who would not have qualified to receive legal aid, but paid taxes to the treasury which ultimately wound up funding it, have been denied access to justice due to the crippling costs. Having personally been in a position where I was unable to challenge a quite ridiculous Land Registry decision a few years ago for precisely this reason, I can wholeheartedly attest to this. While "two wrongs" don't make a right, levelling the field in this way least goes some way to correcting this imbalance , and perhaps more importantly, gives more people an incentive to desire to see simplification about our often unjustifiably complex (and expensive) legal system where the only beneficiaries at times seem to be the legal profession.

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