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# Julian Assange Extradition Appeal

## The three-ring-sex-circus



The Julian Assange Extradition Appeal that took place in the British High Court over the last two days has now concluded. Judgement will be handed down within the next three or four weeks at a separate hearing, date yet to be agreed.



**WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange**

One Click has once again collated what we consider to be some of the best and most informative tweets coming out of the court on 12 and 13 July 2011 to provide an overview from a variety of sources. Not only is a quick flick through these records most informative, they will also form part of the website's documenting of the Julian Assange trial.



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**Prosecutor Clare Montgomery QC**

Now that people can tweet legal proceedings live, court reporting has been taken to an entirely new level. Who will ever forget the immortal Tweet regarding CPS/Swedes prosecutor Clare Montgomery QC reaching for the penis instead of the condom? The court audience rocked.



**Ben Emmerson QC for the Defence**

Joking aside, the grown-ups arrived when Assange's new legal team set out the Defence case for Appeal on 12 July. No more Guantanamo Bay grandstanding, clashy outfits and the endless press conferences that have distinguished the Assange legal carnival in the past, but the dry dust legalese in regard to the 9/11 kneejerk reaction European Arrest Warrant (EAW) flawed law. This may not make for good copy, but it is how the law is best done.

The Defence has submitted that although Assange's behaviour was both disrespectful and discourteous, it was not illegal. This new development in the case has given the mainstream media the opportunity to publish details on erections in single beds, to virgins only preferred. The details of this case play to the worst parts of the press including those media waiting in the wonga wings to fulfil the complainants' stated desire for media fame and money as alleged in text correspondence.

And as for the CPS/Swedes, Clare Montgomery QC claims that "*Assange is accused in a popular sense if not in a technical sense.*" Que? Entirely baroque. The lack of a decision to prosecute Assange is key in undermining the validity of the arrest.



**Lord Justice Thomas**

That this legal circus is a massive waste of time and resources is a given. Lord Justice Thomas commented that it might be said a *'huge amount of time and publicity has been given to this which is in no-one's interest.'* He continued that he was *'vexed about the unwillingness of Sweden to allow Assange to be interviewed without extradition in spirit of EU co-operation'*. Join the club Lord Justice Thomas, join the club. Quite why Euro States cooperation cannot include interviewing Assange in the UK and obtaining a DNA sample is beyond the comprehension of everyone except the CPS and the Swedes alone.

If this case proceeds to trial, the press will further slice and dice Julian Assange and complainants AA & SW apart for money and sport to such a degree that whichever party wins or loses, their lives are forever wrecked. If the complainants consider that Julian Assange 'roughed them up' in sexual encounters, just wait until the lawyers get at them in court. Nobody is set to come out of this well.

Sooner or later and in all conscience, the British judiciary must find the bottle to challenge the European Arrest Warrant flawed law over which there has been so much disquiet and dissent in many other cases than this. But whether their Honours will find the courage to do this in the damaged Assange case that has taken on all the uncomfortable aspects of a politically nuanced three-ring-sex-circus is debatable.

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