SCCE CEI – Monday 15th September 2014
“This House Believes That Lawyers Make Excellent Compliance Officers”
An Oxford Union-style debate

“**It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it**”

*(Joseph Joubert – French moralist/essayist 1754-1824)*

**Debating Etiquette**

- There are two teams: Affirmative and Negative
- The role of the affirmative team is to agree (or affirm) the topic. The affirmative team will speak first.
- The role of the negative team is to disagree (or negate) the topic. The negative team will speak last.
- There is one Chair. Her role is to ‘control’ the debate. She sits between the two ‘teams’.
  - In this debate at the CEI, she is also the timekeeper
  - The Chair introduces each speaker and the time available to them
- The role of the Audience is to enjoy the debate but while a Speaker is speaking you should not:
  - heckle, interrupt, cough loudly, speak on your cell phone
- You should:
  - Clap appreciatively and laugh appropriately.
  - Participate in the debate when invited. Turn your cell phone to silent.
• For the purposes of this debate, you will be the final adjudicators. Following on from both speeches, the debate will be opened to you the audience.

• Before leaving the room, you will decide the outcome; for or against the motion

• Once you have voted, the losing speaker will congratulate the winner, and be nice about it! Neither are allowed to argue about your decision.

• In the event of a dead heat, at the SCCE CEI, the Chair has the casting vote.

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