



*Aggravation, Mitigation and Mercy:  
New Findings from the Crown Courts*

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*A drinks reception in the basement foyer will follow this seminar for attendees*

Until now our only insight into sentencing practices has come from one-off studies or descriptive annual sentencing statistics. The new Crown Court Sentencing Survey is derived directly from sentencers, and therefore permits multivariate analyses which offer unique and fresh insight into sentencing practices. This seminar summarises recent findings and sheds new light on the use of aggravating and mitigating factors.

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