My group was made up of the following people: SAEED OSMAN, Temitope E Omokayode, Evelyn Nneji and Sadji Subhani. Unfortunately Sajid could not complete the work with us because of ill health. The co group considered the pros and cons of the use of junior in deciding criminal cases in the English legal system and its future.

After the first two meetings it became clear that the rest of the group want a reformation of the junior system though I believe the system have faire justice in the country for years and should be maintained as it is eventually the group accepted that the system needs reform.

The work was divided among us, Temitope was to consider the advantages of the use of junior, Evenly was to deal with the introduction of the presentation, Sajid was to deal with the disadvantages and I will work on the alternative legal system elsewhere and also present the conclusion.

The agreement was whichever part you referral on the during the presentation that will person do the presentation of the section. In the absence of Sajid I took on his part in the disadvantages of the use of junior.

In the cause of this presentation I have learnt that is always help to listen and accept other people view even if I don’t agree on what they are saying. Also sharing ideas gave me lot of information I might otherwise not have acquired on my own. Even though I have been introduced to finding legal information from different sources, this group work has my knowledge of digging out information from other sources and known ones I did not hither to aware of. For example I have come to know more on the use of other legal sources such as JustCite and Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviatons other than Westlaw which the source of legal information I knew. I was introduced to other variety of books such as legal skills by Lisa Cherkassky and others, the English legal system by Alisdaise Gillespie .

All in all, despite the problem encountered such as people not attending meeting, late in presentation the work and the difficulty in agreeing on simple things it has been a good experience. The experience on the day of the presentation was something will be in my memory for a long time. The nervousness and seeing your colleague struggling to present their part was also a good experience. All this experiences has given me a good experience on talking in public or in a situation where I have to stand in front of an audience and do a presentation.

PART 2

In the cause of researching on the advantages of the use of jury system I resorted to the use of the following sources;

Legislation: Under this source I search into the part 3 Courts and tribunals[[1]](#footnote-1) Court reform (Scotland).[[2]](#footnote-2) Over here I learnt about jury selection regarding age limit in England and the use of juries in Scotland

Case: In researching into the disadvantages of the use of juries I looked into the case of R v Young. This was a case where juries have resorted to the use of Ouija in deciding a case instead of using the facts alone.

Under newspaper and other journal articles I had a look at Paul Mendelle piece on the juries in the Guardian newspaper. I also looked at the Ghanaian newspapers on the bribery scandal that rocked their judiciary; I used this point to illustrate against the use of a single judge in deciding criminal cases.

Electronically I have used Google to search into the trouble in Ireland (both sides) and its effect on the use of juries.

The time used in researching from these sources for my work has been one of mixed feelings .On one hand I have had a good insight in looking legal information from all the sources available to me, on the other hand some of the sources were difficult to use in accessing the required information.

The disadvantages I had using cases from Westlaw is that I could not locate cases on all the disadvantages I had raised on the use of jury in criminal cases. Most journals and newspaper articles do not provide detail and straight forward result on the each of the disadvantages on the use of juries do not provide detail and straight forward result on the each of the disadvantages on the use of juries.

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1. .s 68 upper age limit for jury service [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. . s 99 jury service

   3. { 1995} 2 WRL430 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)