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## **Press Complaints Commission**

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PCC seminar for news editors – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005

I am hosting a seminar for national newspaper news editors on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, and very much hope that your news editor will be able to attend.

The idea is to bring people up to date with the Commission's thinking on a number of subjects including news gathering techniques, pictures and privacy, and the application of the Code in areas such as payments to criminals and witnesses. We are conscious that news editors are responsible for making regular decisions about the Code of Practice, and yet have no direct contact with the PCC. I hope that the seminar will redress that to some degree.

After presentations from me, Tim Toulmin and Alison Hastings – the former member of the PCC who lectures on the Code of Practice and the Commission – there will be time for questions, and a less formal conversation over a drink.

The event starts at 6.30pm in the Bridewell Suite of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, which is just next to Blackfriars tube station. It should be over by 8.30pm.

I would be very grateful if someone from your office could get in touch with my PA, Kim Baxter, to let us know who will be attending. Her e-mail address is kim.baxter@pcc.org.uk.

With kind regards.

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