

Halley's Comet Apparition in Court

Halley's Comet a term recently became popular among lawyers and visitors at the Court where you will find everyone waiting or watching out for its appearance. Once the light started to spread announcing its approach; overwhelming joy is quiet obvious, as well as fear of its disappearing without fulfilling all wishes.

Halley Comet is the suggested alias for the court tipstaff (office -boys) at courts. Just imagine the confusion and misery of this who is asked to bring a tipstaff to move a file from one office to the other. You will find him lost among the many things he should do. Starting from finding out the right tipstaff of the dozens roaming the court, and once he knows the right person the worries of wasting time finding the right person and if he wasn't then, there is nothing to do but to wait for the following comet to land and make the wish of moving the file comes true.

The irony is that it is easy to reach the president of the court who manage all the judges and staff but it is almost impossible to find that person who only duties are to call on litigants and move files.

Many would ask is it hard to hire tipstaff to attend to the judges and visitors of the court needs or that the tipstaffs of the court are overwhelmed with the duties and tasks?

The question provides part of the answer, since a tipstaff is not a wizard who can move files from one place to the other, answer the judges in his corridor and the people without the need to physically move an inch.

Is lack of Human Resources is the problem?

I'm not throwing all the blame on the tipstaff, although some of them spend their time smoking and drinking coffee, but it is hard to reply all of the eight judges or more in each tipstaff corridor and at the same time answer the requests of the visitors and attendants.

I think the answer is more than obvious; what is the problem in finding more tipstaffs to work in our courts since unemployment is a great issue and not mention saving the cost the people will have to pay to keep the cigarettes and coffee of the courts tipstaffs going.