

The Old Bailey judges a bake-off

GUILTY! Cake him down! Judges, barristers and clerks swapped their wigs and gowns for aprons and ovens this week for the inaugural Old Bailey charity bake-off.

Among the culinary offerings laid out in the judges' dining room were a judge waiting to pass sentence, a sheriff's star and a model of the Central Criminal Court itself.

Barrister Laurie-Anne Power, from 23 Bedford Row, came away with top prize – and lifelike – representation of the Archbold legal reference book.

The cakes were then auctioned off to raise more than £1,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Tristan Kirk



Winning recipe: barrister Laurie-Anne Power, from 23 Bedford Row, took top prize for her life-size representation of the Archbold legal reference book, left, beating off rivals by a court clerk, above left, and our reporter



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restaurant scares me, bench chef



you competition, heightened by the sheer weight of new restaurants, is increasing and starting to risk an oversupply, as shown by the rising number of closures.”

Pic, who started cooking aged 23 and was awarded her third star at 27, said it was still difficult for women to become chefs. “Women have to choose between family and making a job. Most of the young chefs will at a moment have to decide whether to have a family or continue to work in the kitchen. So that is difficult. Now-