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**LSB Internal Governance Review
Regulatory Independence**

Dear Sirs,

We write further to this review. The fact the Legal Services Act 2007 (the “Act”) was passed with representative bodies (where one exists) named as the approved regulator, when the purpose of the Act was to deliver regulatory independence, defies understanding. Any involvement by a representative body in the regulatory process is contrary to the aims and objectives of the Act to deliver consumer focused independent regulation.

There is now a body of evidence identifying the serious issues this has caused those undertaking regulation under delegation, and how this has diverted focus and resource away from delivering aims and objectives under the Act. It is not just the situation between The Law Society and the SRA, the Legal Services Board is aware of the difficulties the CLSB has recently faced in addressing recent issues within the ACL and its group structure.

This is a situation that requires remedy and decisive action by the Legal Services Board, who must summon up the courage for the likely fight to deliver true regulatory independence. The legal professions and the public would expect no less.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive