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### **Consultation: Appointment & Reappointment to Regulatory Boards**

Dear Sirs,

We write further to the above consultation paper dated February 2014.

In our view, the current IGR that *“processes are in place for regulatory board members appointments, appraisals and discipline must be demonstrably free of undue influence from persons with representative functions”*

- (i) sets out quite clearly and in plain English the independence requirement; and
- (ii) already provides monitoring mechanism as it states *“demonstrable.”*

As point 7 of the LSB consultation paper states *“independent regulation is central to the aims of the Legal Services Act 2007.”* CLSB considers it wholly inappropriate and legally challengeable that *“the process and decisions on appointments and reappointments of regulatory Chairs be delegated to an independent panel.”*

It is the CLSB who legally contracts with and pays for the services of its Chair. CLSB operates under prevailing company law and employment law and will not allow any paid person who has not been considered, interviewed, vetted etc. by them to be forced upon them. The same applies to the suggestion all board appointments be *“approved by the LSB.”*

Yours faithfully,

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(Chief Executive)