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Dear Mr Baré

Consultation on Strategic Plan 2012-15 and Business Plan 2012-13 issued by the Legal Services Board (the 'LSB') (the 'Consultation')

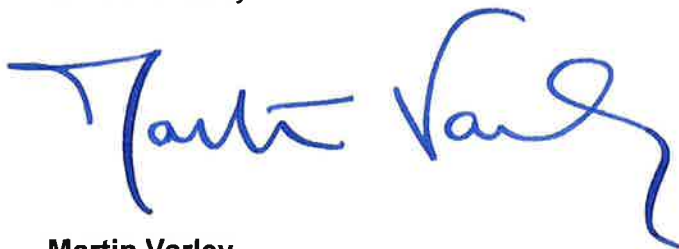
On behalf of the Regulatory Committee (**Committee**) of the Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & District Law Society (**Society**) I present its response to the Consultation. The Committee is comprised of members all of whom have considerable expertise and professional experience in regulatory matters.

The Society represents Solicitors and other lawyers who practice or live in the counties of Kent and East Sussex. The law firms to which the Society's members belong advise a variety of clients from individuals to multi-national companies, from trustees to financial institutions in all manner of legal issues.

We have no comments on either of the plans save to observe that they do not address the key issues of customer freedom of choice and access to justice.

I hope the foregoing is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



Martin Varley
Chairman