Dear Sirs,

LPLA Bill

We seek to make representation in respect of this proposed legislation.

Our fundamental objection to this bill is the proposal that judgement on legal issues be passed by non lawyers is simply unworkable. It will, in our view, be impossible for lay persons to pass informed comment on matters which are beyond their knowledge or experience.

It is critical that input from members of the Scottish legal profession is required before any judgement can be passed on any allegation of loss or negligence. Numerous analogies can be drawn with members of other professions.

It is quite unacceptable that persons with no qualification can be appointed to determine argument of considerable gravity for both members of the public and solicitors.

Yours faithfully,