Justice 2 Committee
Scottish Parliament
Holyrood
Edinburgh

Dear Sirs,

REGULATION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION BILL

I am writing to make submissions in relation to the above Bill.

In my opinion, one of the major defects of the previous procedure was that a single individual (usually the Director, Mr Yelland) acted as the 'Gateway' in the admission of complaints. He was also sitting in judgment on the people who effectively paid his salary.

The new body set out in the Bill is a great improvement in that respect.

However, I would agree with those who say that it is a pointless expense to have two systems running side by side. It would be much more efficient and economical to have only one body doing it all. The eventual sanction could, if necessary, in some cases be decided by a panel of lawyers.

I would welcome the opportunity to give evidence to the Committee.

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