5 January 2005

LPLA Bill
The Clerk to the Justice 2 Committee
Room T3.60
Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP.

Dear Sir,

I write in relation to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) proposals.

Whilst there are many aspects of the proposals which are open to criticism, I believe there is none more than the proposal to enable a government quango to impose Compensation Orders against solicitors up to £20,000 without any appropriate appeal mechanism.

I believe such a proposal unprecedented in any other branch of law and I am certain is contrary to the European Convention on European Rights.

Yours faithfully,

Raymond M. Williamson

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