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Mrs. Percy Ma,
Clerk to the Panel,
Administration of Justice and Legal Services,
Legislative Council,
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8 Jackson Road,
HONG KONG.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Incorporation of Solicitors' practices

I refer to our telephone conversation on Wednesday last, 11 October. The Law Society Working Party on the Incorporation of Practices met on Thursday to consider a further draft set of rules prepared by the solicitors commissioned by the Law Society. There are still some outstanding matters which require to be resolved before we are in a position to seek the approval of the Chief Justice to the proposed rules which will then be submitted to the Law Draftsman for final drafting.

The effect of the proposed rules upon the existing legislation needs to be fully considered and if necessary appropriate amendments made but these are matters on which, no doubt, the Law Draftsman will advise in due course.

I might add that at the time the enabling legislation was passed there was no evident demand for incorporation and a similar situation prevailed in all other common law jurisdictions in which enabling legislation existed. We do not anticipate a rush of law firms to incorporate even after the rules are finalised and in effect.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Moss
Secretary General

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