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Mr Patrick MOSS
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3/F, Wing On House
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Dear Mr MOSS,

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services
Solicitors (Professional Indemnity) (Amendment) Rules 2001

Thank you for attending the Panel meeting on 18 September 2001.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Panel agreed to recommend to the House Committee meeting on 5 October 2001 that a subcommittee should be set up to scrutinise the Amendment Rules. To facilitate the consideration of the subcommittee if formed, the Panel also agreed that the Law Society should be requested -

- (a) to provide information on how the proposed increase in contributions would affect law firms of different sizes and businesses and the provision of legal services;
- (b) to explore whether the amount of contribution paid by a firm under the existing scheme should take into account its claims records and nature of business; and
- (c) to explore whether the existing scheme should be replaced by alternative schemes.

The subcommittee, if formed, will be working under a very tight timetable. It is expected that the first meeting of the subcommittee will be held in the week following the House Committee meeting. I shall formally invite the Law Society to attend the meeting when the meeting arrangements are finalized.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Percy MA)
Clerk to Panel