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Subcommittee on Summary Disposal of Complaints Rules,  
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Dear Mrs. Ma,

**Re: Subcommittee on Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) Rules under  
LN No. 251 of 2003 ("the Rules")**

Thank you for your letter dated 6 January.

On behalf of the Law Society I confirm:

(a) that the objective of introducing the Rules is to provide an alternative procedure to that of a hearing before a Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal that will be more expeditious and more cost effective than a full disciplinary hearing.

The Law Society's policy in determining whether a complaint is appropriate for disciplinary proceedings to be brought in accordance with the above Rules will be that the complaint is of sufficient gravity in all the circumstances to warrant a submission to the Tribunal Convenor of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal Panel.

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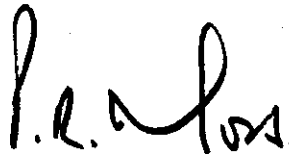
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**(b) that the present practice to dispose of trivial breaches by way of issue of letters of regret or disapproval will continue and that the summary disposal of complaints procedures will not be invoked for such cases.**

**I hope that this will clarify the position for the subcommittee.**

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Moss', written in a cursive style.

**Patrick Moss  
Secretary General**