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Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Solicitor Corporation Rules

I refer to your letter of even date. In view of your statement that the Law Society is not in a position to discuss the Rules with the Panel next Monday, I have instructed the Clerk to remove the item from the agenda and for the amended agenda to be circularized.

I should be most grateful if you can confirm the date by which the Law Society can attend the Panel for the item. As you can see from the attached record, the matter has already been deferred a number of times at your request.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Margaret NG)

Chairman

Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

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c.c. Department of Justice
(Attn : Mr Michael Scott)
Members of the Panel

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Discussions in past sessions

The Panel discussed inter alia the drafting of the Rules at its meetings on 19 December 2000, 27 May 2002 and 24 November 2003. At the last meeting, the Law Society informed the Panel that it had sought the views of its members on the draft Rules. The finalised Rules would be submitted to the Chief Justice for approval. The Law Society expected that this could be done in early 2004.

Discussion in the current session

Meeting on 22 November 2004

The item was scheduled for discussion at the meeting. Mr Patrick Moss informed the Panel that the Law Society just received a revised version of the draft Rules from the Law Draftsman, which contained minor proposed amendments. The amended version had been issued to members of the Law Society's Working Party for comments. He proposed that the item be deferred for discussion at the next meeting on 14 December 2004.

Meeting on 14 December 2004

At the request of the Law Society and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the item, originally scheduled for discussion at the meeting, was deferred to the meeting on 24 January 2005.

Meeting on 24 January 2005

On 20 January 2005, the Law Society wrote to the Chairman requesting that the item be removed from the agenda for the meeting scheduled for 24 January 2005.