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Mr Lester Huang  
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The Law Society of Hong Kong  
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Dear President,


**Re : Clarification of Legal Aid's Policy on Appointment  
of Mediators in Cases assigned to Legal Firms**

Thank you for your letter dated 8 May 2009.

I confirm that it is not our policy to require our assigned solicitors to approach mediators who are willing to provide mediation services on a pro bono basis before we approve the engagement of fee-charging mediators.

However, as the costs incurred in a case must not be disproportionate to the amount to be recovered and mediators' fees are subject to DLA's first charge, we expect our assigned solicitors to consider, in suitable cases, the availability of pro bono mediation services in the interest of the aided persons.

Yours sincerely,

  
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