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Dear Mr. Woo,

**Re: Subcommittee meeting on 16 November 2018**

I refer to your letter of 6 November 2018.

The Law Society ("Society") notes that at the meeting of the House Committee of the Legislative Council ("Legco") on 2 November 2018, a subcommittee ("Subcommittee") was formed to study the Foreign Lawyers Practice (Amendment) Rules 2018 (Commencement) Notice, Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) Rules 2018 (Commencement) Notice and Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) (Amendment) Rules 2018 (Commencement) Notice ("the Subcommittee"). The Subcommittee invited the representatives of the Society to attend a meeting of the Subcommittee on 16 November 2018.

Prior to the gazettal of the Foreign Lawyers Practice (Amendment) Rules, Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) Rules and the Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) (Amendment) Rules ("the 3 Amendment Rules"), the Society had consulted the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("AJLS Panel"). The AJLS Panel confirmed on 14 August 2017 that it had no comment on the Society's proposed amendments. Legco approved the 3 Amendment Rules during the negative vetting period without forming a subcommittee to scrutinize the amendments.

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The Society appointed 4 February 2019 as the Commencement Date of the 3 Amendment Rules. The Commencement Notices were published in the Gazette on 26 October 2018.

The terms of reference of the Subcommittee are not available to the Society. The Rules of Procedure and the House Rules do not specify the terms of reference of the Subcommittee. As Legco has already approved the 3 pieces of Amendment Rules, the Subcommittee is limited to reviewing the Commencement Notices and the commencement date of the Amendment Rules.

In light of this, the Society would request the Subcommittee to set out the precise questions that it would like to raise in the proposed meeting to enable the Society to identify the appropriate persons to attend the meeting. It would be appreciated if you could provide the proposed questions to the Society in good time i.e. by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 12 November 2018. If the Society does not hear from you on the above matters in good time, the Society regrets that it is unable to attend the meeting and would suggest the meeting be reconvened to another date.

Yours sincerely,



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