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Dear Mr. YUEN,

**Solicitors (General) Costs (Amendment) Rules 2013  
(L.N. 110 of 2013)**

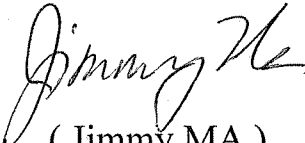
I refer to the captioned amendment rules (Amendment Rules), which were published in the Gazette on 21 June 2013 as L.N. 110 of 2013, and were tabled at the Legislative Council on 26 June 2013.

At the meeting of the House Committee held on 5 July 2013, Members noted that the Amendment Rules were not properly made by the Costs Committee as provided under section 74 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) and that The Law Society of Hong Kong had agreed to liaise with the Costs Committee to arrange for the Amendment Rules to be published in the Gazette again. Please see the attached copy of letter from The Law Society of Hong Kong.

A subcommittee has been formed under the House Committee to consider, among other things, how L.N. 110 should be dealt with as it has been published in the Gazette and tabled at the Legislative Council. To assist the subcommittee, we would like to invite the views of the Administration on any legal and related issues.

Please be informed that the first meeting of the subcommittee will be held on 19 July 2013. I would be grateful if your views, in both Chinese and English languages, could be made available to the subcommittee before that date.

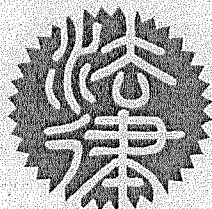
Yours sincerely,



( Jimmy MA )  
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c.c. Clerk to the House Committee  
Clerk to the Subcommittee on Solicitors (General) Costs  
(Amendment) Rules 2013  
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Dear Mr. Lee,

Re: Solicitors (General) Costs (Amendment) Rules  
L. N. 110 of 2013, gazetted on 21 June 2013

I refer to your letter of 25 June 2013 to the President, Mr. Ambrose S. K. Lam.

1. The Law Society note your views that the Solicitors (General) Costs (Amendment) Rules should be made by the Costs Committee under section 74(3)(a) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance ("the Ordinance"). We will liaise with the Costs Committee to arrange for the Amendment Rules to be gazetted again.
2. The Costs Committee is not a committee of the Law Society.
3. Subject to the views of the Costs Committee and the Department of Justice, the Law Society has no objection to adopt "with the prior approval of the Chief Justice" in the enacting formula.
4. We will liaise with the Costs Committee for them to provide the LegCo Brief when they submit the Amendment Rules to the Legislative Council.

Yours sincerely,

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