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Dear Mr. Woo,

**Subcommittee on Trainee Solicitors (Amendment) Rules 2017
 (Commencement) Notice**

Meeting on 25 October 2017

I refer to my letter of 18 October 2017 and the subsequent telephone conversation between our Ms. Vivien Lee and your good self on 20 October 2017.

As explained on the telephone, the negative vetting period on the Trainee Solicitors (Amendment) Rules 2017 ("Amendment Rules") had already expired and no questions were raised on the Amendment Rules during such period. We understand from our telephone conversation on 20 October 2017 that questions may nevertheless be raised by the Subcommittee on the Amendment Rules, not just on the Commencement Notice in the proposed meeting on 25 October 2017.

In this respect, we would reiterate our suggestion that Hong Kong Bar Association, as a stakeholder, should be invited to attend the proposed meeting to facilitate the discussion on the amendments which directly affect their interest.

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In addition, as explained on the telephone, to ensure any meaningful discussion in the proposed meeting, the Law Society (“Society”) would require sufficient time to liaise with the relevant Committees to identify suitable representatives to attend the meeting, and to prepare the relevant documents and information. Given the time constraint, it is unlikely the Society would be able to identify any representatives who would be able and available to attend the meeting on 25 October 2017.

Rather, if there are any issues on the Amendment Rules or the Commencement Notice, we would suggest that the Legislative Council could specify them in writing, and the Society would respond to those enquiries expeditiously to enable the Subcommittee to make a decision and recommendation to the House Committee by 3 November 2017 whether it is necessary to extend the negative vetting period on the Commencement Notice.

Yours sincerely,



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