

To Robert Heslett  
President, The Law Society

To David Edmonds  
Chair Legal Services Board

To Anthony Townsend  
CEO Solicitors Regulation Authority

6th January 2010

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Hunt Review of the Regulation of Legal Services

This letter follows the recent announcement by Lord Hunt of the findings of his review of the regulation of legal services.

During the review process, a deputation from the C & I Group ("Group") met with Lord Hunt to make him aware the views of the Group and its members.

In a survey of its members the Group established that 75% of the members who responded did not think the Law Society was justified in increasing the fee for practising certificates ("PC").

The Group have considered the findings of this review in its entirety and our purpose for writing today is to confirm the Group's support of recommendations 38 to 41, namely we support the introduction of differential fees for the PC.

This support follows survey results which showed that 9 out of 10 respondents did not think that all Solicitors should pay the same fee, thought Commerce & Industry and Voluntary Sector Solicitors should pay less.

The Group has pushed for changes in the form of these recommendations for many years now and while many of the objections that have been raised in the past will not be

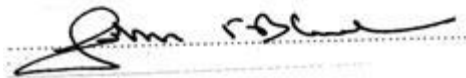
applicable from 2010, we urge the SRA to adopt these recommendations and to carry out implementation at the earliest opportunity.

The Group have resolved to lobby and encourage the various bodies that would be involved in changing the PC charging structure and will raise this matter once more in its next meetings with the SRA being part of the ongoing dialogue with the regulator.

Yours faithfully

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Sapna Bedi FitzGerald  
Chair

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John F Bleasdale  
Vice Chair