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Clerk to Panel on Administration of Justice  
and Legal Services,  
Legislative Council,  
Legislative Council Building,  
8 Jackson Road,  
Central, Hong Kong.

Attn: Mrs. Percy Ma

via Mr. Stephen Kai-yi Wong, DSG  
Mr. Michael Scott, SASG/GLP

Dear Mrs. Ma,

**Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services**

**Law Amendment and Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003  
Proposed amendment to section 9AA of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance**

I refer to your letter dated 25 February 2003 regarding the captioned matter.

I would be grateful if you would advise the Chairman that she is quite correct that only Rules 2, 3 and 8 of the Draft (Solicitor Corporation) Rules were examined by the Panel on 27 May 2002. Please accept our apologies if this caused any confusion. Rule 3 of the Draft Rules creates the possibility that a non-solicitor may be a member or director of a solicitor corporation, the issue on which members of the Panel expressed concern when examining the proposals in the Bill. The present proposed amendment to section 9AA is in response to the views expressed in the May 2002 meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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