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Dear Ms Rawstone

Re: The Training Committee Response to the Solicitors Regulation Authority's Consultation on: Realignment of the Higher Rights of Audience Regulations in relation to higher rights of audience and the aims of the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme"

The City of London Law Society ("CLLS") represents approximately 14,000 City lawyers through individual and corporate membership including some of the largest international law firms in the world. These law firms advise a variety of clients from multinational companies and financial institutions to Government departments, often in relation to complex, multi jurisdictional legal issues.

The CLLS responds to a variety of consultations on issues of importance to its members through its 18 specialist committees.

We know from the Consultation that the current drafting of the Higher Rights of Audience Regulations 2010 enables internationally qualified lawyers to seek recognition of their international (or intra-UK) higher rights qualifications by providing the SRA with evidence of their practical experience and qualifications gained outside of England and Wales. As a result, the SRA propose to shut down this option.

The Response of the Training Committee to the single question in the Consultation Paper of "Do you agree that the SRA should treat all applicants for higher rights of audience in the same way?" is that we do.

Yours faithfully

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Chair
City of London Law Society Training Committee
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