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7 February 2011

Dear Chris

Internal Governance Rules (IGR) – Lay Board Members

Thank you for your letter of 1st February 2011.

I am pleased to confirm formally the actions to which our Board has committed:

- Start the recruitment process open only to lay members straightaway (which is beginning with the appointment of head-hunters)
- Advertisements to be placed in March
- Appointment panels to sit in May and early June
- LSB to be informed of successful outcomes by the end June
- Appointment to be ratified at the July Bar Council meeting
- From appointment, the new appointees will be invited and encouraged to attend the Board and have full access to all deliberations of the Board, or in other words will shadow the Board without having voting rights
- Lay members take a full voting rights on 1 January 2011 – delivering the lay majority that meets the definitions of the IGRs

As I write, the invitation to tender for recruitment consultancy services has been issued and a preferred supplier will be appointed by February 18th.

I welcome your suggestion that a visit to the LSB be included in the induction programme for new members this autumn.

I note your timescales in relation to the certification this year and look forward to receiving the documentation you refer to, and to meeting with you and David Hobart to discuss outstanding matters.

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Finally, I suggest we discuss the proposed meeting between our respective Boards, when we next meet bilaterally on 14th February.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Vanessa Davies
Director
Bar Standards Board