

From the Chief Executive

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The Law Society

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Dear Chris

Internal Governance Rules

I am writing to confirm the outcome of our very useful meeting yesterday.

We agreed that, provided the Legal Services Board accept this as settling any remaining issues between us on compliance with Internal Governance Rules, we will advise Council to appoint an additional lay member of the SRA Board. We will recruit the additional member through the recruitment exercise which we already planned for next year to appoint one solicitor member and one lay member to replace the two current SRA Board members who retire at the end of 2011. We envisage that that recruitment process will begin in March and April, and that the successful candidates will be identified in June or July. We will appoint the additional lay member immediately, rather than from 1 January 2012.

We will also ask the Council to confirm that they will in due course change the Law Society's General Regulations so as to provide for the SRA Board to have a lay majority as from the date on which the next full Board takes up its appointments, namely 1 January 2013.

We will ask the Council to take these decisions in principle at its meeting on 29 September. Assuming that the Legal Services Board confirm that it is content with these arrangements, the Council will make the General Regulation change (necessary to allow the additional lay member to be appointed) at its next meeting, on 10 November.

I am copying this to Antony Townsend, who has confirmed that this position is supported by the SRA.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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