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You will already be aware that my Board discussed your compliance with our internal governance rules at its recent meeting. My colleagues and I were delighted with the progress that has been made towards compliance. A more detailed assessment will be provided by my executive in due course.

You have already delivered a lay majority on your Board and we are pleased that IPS and ILEX have set the pace for other regulators in this field. You will be aware that the dual self certification of compliance with our internal governance rules is an annual process and we will be proceeding with that in March 2011 as usual. Compliance with our rules ensures that a structure is in place that is capable of delivering independent regulation, but independent regulation must happen in practice so the 2011 annual return will bring greater focus to regulatory practice.

I appreciate the manner in which you, your Board and executive have approached these discussions over recent months. It provides a solid basis for regulators to jointly deliver the modernised legal regulation that the Legal Services Act intends.

I am copying this to David McGrady.

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**David Edmonds**  
Chairman