

Open Letter

FAO Mark Evans & Brett Dickson

Outgoing & Incoming Presidents of the Law Society

Dear Messrs Evans & Dickson

Re: Proposed COLP and COFA Restrictions: Disproportionate Impact on Small, Medium and Boutique Law Firms

We write as owners and managers of small, medium and boutique SRA-regulated law firms and other affected parties to express our serious concern regarding the proposed restrictions preventing individuals with unilateral management control from acting as their firm's COLP and/or COFA where specified financial thresholds are exceeded.

We enclose a copy of our open letter to the SRA regarding the proposed changes for your information. We are aware that the Law Society has previously opposed the suggested changes and would welcome your further support on this important matter.

We note that you due to hold your AGM on 14th October 2026 a request that this serious matter, impacting large numbers of your membership, be raised as an agenda item accordingly under bylaw 20(1)(h). If the matter is not ventilated properly at the AGM, we will seek a Special AGM by virtue of byelaw 22.

We trust you will treat our very reasonable concerns in this matter with the seriousness and care they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

Owners and managers of affected SRA-regulated firms & other affected parties.

Signed by:-

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