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Dear Jamie

Many thanks for your letter of 1st March with your reassuring reply to my letter of 16 February.

While writing may I assure the Society that our Chief Executive Lindsay Montgomery does not hold Solicitors “in utter contempt” as alleged in The Scotsman article on Friday 4th March following Mike Dailly’s resignation letter and his reports of a private telephone conversation he had with Lindsay last October. In albeit robust terms Lindsay was simply explaining to Mike Dailly why the Access to Justice Committee’s first set of proposals for legal aid (subsequently dropped and not included in the second set of proposals from the Committee) would not be workable or appropriate.

No disrespect whatsoever was intended to Solicitors and we would be very sorry indeed if some members took offence.

I know Lindsay is writing to you separately to express his personal regrets.

Yours sincerely,

Iain A Robertson CBE
Chairman