



FACULTY OF ADVOCATES

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Mr Mathew Vickers,
Chief Executive Officer,
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission,
The Stamp Office, 10-14 Waterloo Place,
Edinburgh, Eh1 3EG

Dear Mr Vickers

Consultation on the Operating Plan and 2015/16 Budget for the SLCC

The Dean of Faculty has asked me to respond on behalf of the Faculty to the recently received Operating Plan and 2015/16 Budget for the SLCC.

I am again of the opinion that the proposed levy on Advocates is disproportionate.

Your last report again confirms the small number of complaints generated by members of Faculty, particularly bearing in mind that this is from the work of about 470 practising advocates. The total levy proposed is £70,650 and it is difficult to see how that amount, which is almost the same as last years, can be justified bearing in mind the low number of complaints. I also note that the individual levy for each advocate has only been reduced from £159 to £150.

Could you therefore please tell us the basis for these figures and how they have been identified as being the appropriate levy for each advocate and for the Faculty as a whole? We have of course asked this question in other years but as yet without response.

Gordon Jackson QC

THE VICE-DEAN OF FACULTY

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