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Section 34 Further Consultation  
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**Re: Section 34 Further Consideration**

Dear Sirs,

I write to you on behalf of the Irish Institute of Legal Executives and I refer to our previous submission, I thank the Authority for this opportunity. The Institute has considered the finding of the Hook Tangaza Report.

As stated in our previous submission, Legal Executives play a crucial role in the Legal Services industry. The Institute is concerned that Hook Tangaza Report has solely concentrated its attention on the Solicitor and Barrister profession and has failed to take account of other key stakeholders, who play a crucial role in the provision of Legal Services in this Country. There is no disputing that the Solicitor/Barrister profession are at the core of the Legal Services Industry and that the Authority should give considerable weight to their views.

Legal Executives play a vital role in the provision of Legal Services and continue to work with their Solicitor colleagues. Institute members consider themselves members of their profession, like other stakeholders require academic qualification with Legal experience. Many Institute members have moved on to qualify as Solicitors and Barristers and have used their experience gained as Legal Executives to help further their career development. This is recognised by the Law Society. The Institute continues to encourage its members in their academic and career development.

The Institute considers the process undertaken by the Authority as an excellent opportunity to improve the competencies required of all practitioners to provide a more efficient and costs effect service to its clients.

Institute hopes, that the Authority will not lose the excellent opportunity to stream line the educational requirements for all stakeholders and not just the Solicitor and Barrister profession. It is the Institute's view that it should be regulated and overseen by one body i.e. the Legal Services Regulatory Authority.

I hope you will treat this submission favourably.

Yours sincerely,

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