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Dear Sirs,

ICAEW proposed application to the LSB to regulate notarial activities

It has come to our attention that ICAEW proposes to apply to regulate certain reserved legal activities, including notarial activities.

We have since been advised by the Master of the Faculties as regulator that your intention (as communicated to him) is to seek authorisation in relation to all notarial activities. We are puzzled by this, as your published draft application states that authorisation is sought only in relation to services in the area of taxation.

We respect your organisation's work on behalf of chartered accountants but we do not think it would be in the public interest for you to be a regulator of notarial activities. We will therefore oppose in detail any formal application to the Legal Services Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J P Coutts".

J P Coutts

Honorary Secretary

cc
Charles George QC, Master of the Faculties
Mr Neil Buckley, CEO, Legal Services Board
Mr Christopher Vaughan, Secretary, Notaries Society