Dear Denise

**Post-legislative scrutiny of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007**

Earlier in the year the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee sought views from the public on which Acts would benefit from post-legislative scrutiny.

From the 24 Acts suggested the Committee agreed a shortlist of those it wished to take forward in the first instance. For the others the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking information on the issues and concerns that were raised in the submissions.

In respect of the above Act I am writing to you seeking a written response to these issues. I would be grateful if you could provide a reply by **Friday 23 February 2018**.

A copy of the information provided in the submission can be found in the Annexe.

A link to our post-legislative scrutiny page can be found here:


Yours sincerely,

Alison Wilson
Assistant Clerk
In terms of the Legal Profession & Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007, the creation of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission as an ‘independent’ regulator of complaints against the legal profession, has not served to increase public confidence in the legal profession or raise standards among legal representatives.

The SLCC is viewed by many as woefully short of fully independent regulation of complaints & upholder of standards of legal services, compared to regulation of legal services in England & Wales.

A review of the LPLA Act, it's aims, and lack of ability to address consumer protection in legal services and the raising of standards of legal representatives could achieve more substantive and well thought out reforms to the Act itself and regulation, rather than what may come about from a current 2 year in house review of legal services being conducted mainly by representatives from the legal profession itself.