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Dear Ms Adam

On behalf of the Law Society of Scotland, I want to congratulate you on your appointment as the new Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

As someone who has been a member of this committee for several years, you will know well of the hugely important role the committee plays when it comes to changes in civil law and ensuring Scotland stays true in both protecting the rule of law and upholding individual human rights.

The recent work of the committee has obviously been of particular interest to us given the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill as well as the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill. Both pieces of legislation offer the chance to bring in major improvements to the way we regulate to protect the public interest.

We enjoyed an excellent working relationship with your predecessor, Kaukab Stewart and very much hope to have a regular and open dialogue with you as the new committee convener. Assuming Parliament votes to agree the principles of the regulation bill this week, then there will clearly be a significant period of further scrutiny and likely amendment.

As you know, we ourselves have a series of suggestions to strengthen and improve the Bill at Stage 2. To that end, we would value a chance to meet with you to discuss these issues and ideas further. If you would find that helpful then please contact our Director of External Relations, Kevin Lang who would be delighted to find an appropriate date and time.



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In the meantime, I wish you every success in your new role.

With best wishes.

Your sincerely

**Sheila Webster
President**