



**THE NOTARIES SOCIETY OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

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Legal Services Board,  
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Dear Sirs,

**Consultation: the LSB's provisional recommendations on the future regulation of Will-Writing, Probate and Estate Administration**

The Notaries Society of England and Wales is pleased to submit the following response to the LSB consultation on the future regulation of Will-Writing, Probate and Estate Administration.

We have had the advantage of seeing the submission by the Society of Scrivener Notaries, and support the points made by them.

However, we would like to make the following additional points:-

**1. Regulators**

We believe that all those who are currently regulated in this area are regulated to the expectations of the LSB, and do not see the need to re-invent the wheel as far as existing regulators are concerned. An exception must naturally be made in cases where there is convincing evidence that the existing regulators do not regulate adequately, but no such evidence has been disclosed, nor has it even been intimated that such evidence exists.

## **2. Standard of Regulation**

We believe that the appropriate standard of regulation for all those who are to be regulated under these proposals should be the highest standard of regulation which applies to those who are currently so regulated.

It is essential that this continues to apply. These standards are in place for the protection of the public, and this would be severely prejudiced should the standards be lowered in any way.

We look forward to assisting the Legal Services Board and the Master of the Faculties in addressing these issues.

Yours sincerely,

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