

**Scottish Legal Complaints Commission**

The Stamp Office  
10 – 14 Waterloo Place  
Edinburgh, EH1 3EG  
**Tel 0131 528 5111**  
Fax 0131 528 5110

[www.scottishlegalcomplaints.org.uk](http://www.scottishlegalcomplaints.org.uk)  
Legal Post, 86, Edinburgh 2



James Wolffe QC  
Vice Dean of The Faculty of Advocates  
Parliament House  
EDINBURGH  
EH1 1RF

18 April 2013

Dear Mr Wolffe

**Consultation on the SLCC's Budget for 2013/14**

Thank you for your letter of 20 March. Following the SLCC Board Meeting on 18 April I am writing to confirm that our original budget proposal will be laid before the Scottish Parliament.

In my letter of 25 February to the Dean of Faculty I made the point that complaint handling is only one of a number of functions which were set out for the SLCC by statute.

The reduced levy for advocates compared with other members of the legal profession reflects the lower number of complaints which the SLCC receives about advocates. A figure of £162 for each individual advocate seems a reasonable contribution towards the running costs of an independent and impartial body which seeks to enhance public trust and confidence in legal services in Scotland.

Clearly the SLCC and the Faculty of Advocates have differing perspectives on the question of the levy, but I hope that we can work together on some of the areas which the TNS research identified to maintain that the Faculty's commitment to promoting effective complaint handling.

Yours sincerely

  
**Matthew Vickers**  
Chief Executive Officer