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Dear Legal Services Council's Admissions Committee

We write in respect of the LSC Consultation paper on the admission of foreign lawyers dated 2 November 2023.

We are a large litigation practice and have recently recruited thirteen solicitors to our Australian firm, who previously practised in England and Wales. All the candidates are very experienced practitioners. Some have in excess of 20 years' experience in handling the specific types of litigation for which they have been recruited. However none have been allowed conditional admission to practice. In fact the admissions boards seem to disregard Section 20 and stipulate that there will be no conditional admission until all relevant study is completed.

As a firm, we have absolutely no issue regarding conditions being placed on foreign lawyers, under for example Section 20(1)(b), but we see no reason as to why this should prevent experienced solicitors being admitted whilst this is being undertaken.

We also consider that Draft Rule 6A(5) provides a positive emphasis for conditional assessment under Section 18.

Therefore, we can confirm that we strongly support the proposed changes and that they are, in our view, sensible and necessary.

Best regards,

Zara.

P.S. Happy for this to be published on your website.

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