

The Rt Hon Sir Norman Lamb

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Dear Mr Philip,

Re: Complaint in Respect of Hill Dickinson, BMA Legal and Capsticks: Dr Chris Day

I enclose a copy of a letter Dr Chris Day has sent to Stephen Bint at the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

This letter from Dr Day is a forensic analysis of the SRA's preliminary findings and demonstrates clearly that the SRA's investigation of the complaints has been superficial, inadequate and incomplete.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that this whole investigation and preliminary conclusions are thoroughly reviewed and that every issue set out in my original letter of 9 September 2019 and set out in Dr Day's letter to Stephen Bint are dealt with.

You will note that in the final paragraph of Dr Day's letter to Stephen Bint, he quotes from my original letter of complaint. I made it clear that this was a significant test for the SRA. It is frankly extraordinary that the SRA has reached preliminary conclusions that there is no case to answer by any of the lawyers and law firms against whom the complaints have been made. Dr Day's letter demonstrates very clearly the strength of the case against these law firms and BMA Legal.

With regard to Hill Dickinson, given the amount of public money involved in this case, it beggars belief that the SRA finds no wrongdoing. This is a sophisticated law firm, trusted by public bodies to advise competently and, presumably, to act in the public interest. For this law firm to have profited so substantially from the drafting of a contract for Health Education England's relationship with NHS trusts and for acting for the defence against a claim by Dr Day in which it failed to disclose the contract that it had drafted, is abhorrent and yet the SRA finds no wrongdoing. It lazily concludes that it accepts claims of innocence which are not credible as Dr Day's letter makes clear.

I trust that you will not allow this flawed investigation and report to be confirmed in your final decision. The stakes are high for your organisation as a regulator of lawyers.

I look forward to your reassurance.

Yours sincerely,



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