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Dear Mr. Parsons:

Re: Law Society of Ontario Annual General Meeting

I have received from the Secretary your motion submitted on March 30, 2022 for the Law Society's Annual General Meeting. For the reasons below, the motion will not be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Meeting.

Your motion is to compel the Law Society to ask the Attorney General to immediately assume regulation of legal services by lawyers and paralegals. The motion asks Law Society members – its licensees - to pass a resolution forcing the Law Society to effectively dissolve itself and have the Attorney General take control of governance of the legal professions. *The Law Society Act* requires that benchers, not members, are to govern the affairs of the Law Society. Putting such a motion to a members' meeting usurps the governance authority of Convocation, circumventing the Law Society's statutory provisions for governance, and ignores the legislated governance and fiduciary duties of benchers in Convocation.

Further, the by-laws provide that a motion carried at a meeting of members is not binding on Convocation. This was enacted to ensure that governance remains with the benchers in Convocation as required by the Act. However, the motion to compel Convocation to end Law Society governance and ask the Attorney General to assume governance control by its very nature is intended to bind Convocation and lead to that result, contrary to the provision in the by-laws.

For these reasons, the motion will not be placed on the agenda of the Meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Donnelly".

Teresa Donnelly
Treasurer

Copy: Jim Varro, Corporate Secretary