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Subject: FW: Urgent, regarding the McClure Solicitors scandal - urgent meeting!

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Dear Andy,

Thank you for your recent email to Diane McGiffen at the Law Society of Scotland. This was passed to me for reply.

I'm grateful for the invitation to attend the online event you have organised for next Tuesday and can appreciate your desire to help those affected by the collapse of McClures and the transfer of business to Jones Whyte. This has obviously been a difficult time for former clients.

As you may know, current legislation places significant limitations on the Law Society and the information we can provide publicly when there are live regulatory matters ongoing. We have considered your invitation carefully and, given the legal restrictions on us, I'm afraid it will not be possible for us to attend.

However, we do recognise the importance of ensuring people affected have the most up to date information and are fully aware of the routes open to them if they want to pursue action. To that end, we have a dedicated web page which can be accessed [here](#). If there are issues arising from the meeting and where you think additional information could usefully be added to our webpage then please do let us know. We are keen to make sure this is as helpful and up to date as possible.

Best wishes,

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From: Andy Agathangelou
Sent: 05 November 2024 10:52
To: Diane McGiffen
Subject: Urgent, regarding the McClure Solicitors scandal - urgent meeting!

Dear Diane,

I hope you are well.

My name is Andy Agathangelou, I am the founder of Transparency Task Force (TTF). We're a non-profit campaign group with a mission to promote ongoing reform of the financial sector so that it serves society better.

TTF, together with Annette Riding, a member of the Victims of McClure Solicitors Facebook campaign, are organising an online event to address the ongoing challenges faced by former McClure clients and to discuss actionable solutions, and we would like to invite you to participate.

The event is on Tuesday, 12th November, 6pm-7:30pm on Zoom.

Our discussion will focus on the current state of affairs for ex-clients of McClure Solicitors and the extensive obstacles many continue to face. With around 60,000 clients left in vulnerable positions, our goal is to bring awareness to the incomplete advisement process by Jones Whyte, the legal implications of unaddressed Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney, and the improper handling of Family Protection Trusts (FPTs) that were initially promoted as safeguards against care fees and probate.

We will also address systemic issues highlighted by this situation, such as the need for increased accountability from intermediaries—financial planners, charities, and estate planners—who guided clients toward unfit financial products. The emotional and financial toll on affected families remains significant, with many clients still unaware of the precarious nature of their arrangements and some facing difficult legal battles and lost documentation.

[Click here](#) for full details and to book your place.

We hope you can join us for this important conversation! Please let us know if you're able to attend, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Your thoughts, please Diane.

Kind regards,

Andy

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