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Dear Sirs

**General Medical Council – Dr Barton**  
**Our Client: Gillian MacKenzie**

Thank you for your letter, dated 21 May 2009.

We confirm that we forwarded copies of your letters dated 30 April 2009 and 21 May 2009 to Mrs MacKenzie. We sent a copy of your letter dated 30 April 2009 to Mrs MacKenzie on 5 May 2009 and we sent a copy of your letter dated 21 May 2009 to her on 22 May 2009.

We note that you would still like her to attend to give witness evidence on 12 June 2009. We have attempted to persuade her to give evidence, but she is adamant that she refuses to attend unless the Inquest Hearing due before the Coroner, Mr Horsley, is dealt with first. As you are aware we have contacted Mr Horsley. The only way in which this could be achieved, given the timescales, would be for the part of the GMC Hearing dealing with Gladys Richards (deceased) to be delayed. We note for the reasons you have explained that this cannot in your view be done. We have informed Mrs MacKenzie and she has also seen the correspondence as above.

Mrs MacKenzie did leave a message with ourselves that she had made a complaint to the Law Society about your firm concerning "inconsistent advice". This, we understand, relates to the contrast in approach between delaying the GMC Hearings until after the Inquest in respect of the other families, but not in the case of Gladys Richards (deceased). Insofar as there could be any question about communicating your position, we have no complaint whatsoever. You have been clear about your position in our discussions and correspondence.

We understand that Mrs MacKenzie would still like to attend the Hearing, but obviously this will only now be in the capacity as an observer. Please can you obtain "pass" for her and we will supply this to her. We would be grateful also if you could provide a pass for a representative from ourselves.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

**Blake Laphorn**

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