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Mr Len Andersen,  
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Dear Sir,

I deliver further letters of support for the website. In due course, I will file a supplementary Bundle.

It also appears that you may not have received 2 e mails from me. The first related to the amounts ordered to be paid by the Tribunal which struck me off. The second related to complaints at the time of my strike off.

In relation to the amounts ordered, I confirm that the only payments made have been pursuant to the Part XV Order.

In relation to the "unresolved" complaints, I set out below my e-mail back to you on Tuesday of this week.

Dear Len,

I refer to your letter 19 March relating to sending a copy of a public notice to each of those complainants whose matters you say were not resolved. Could you please give me the names of those complainants and advise me whether their files are available from the Otago District Law Society should the need arise? I can recall receiving from you some four, or possibly five, complaints during, I think, 2002. I seem to recall I sent back lengthy responses to each one. I recall there was one where we disagreed as to whether a disbursement for DNA within an overall legal aid cheque had to be separated out upon receipt of the cheque and banked into a trust account. But the others were surely adequately answered?

The trouble we are going to get in to is that, if any reliance is to be placed on those complaints, then they will each be fully defended by me

and it will swell the time of the hearing considerably. While I cannot stop you forwarding the public notice to those persons, I do ask you to consider giving me the opportunity to respond to them to the Law Society first because it may well be that the Society can be persuaded that they should not form part of any evidence presented by the Society.

But I would appreciate a list of those complaints first. Was one by Maitland Booth? I can recall, after strike off, Booth making a complaint of theft against me (in relation to the payment of a bill of costs) but that was the same matter in which he lodged a complaint with the Law Society some months prior to strike off and the auditor arrived at my office unannounced to inspect the 17 or so files I had in respect of Mr Booth. She found not only nothing untoward but an actual signed authority by Mr Booth authorising me to deduct the money for a fees account. His complaint was scandalously unjustified. Otago will have a report by her on a file somewhere.

So I request some clarification first . . . . . Michael Guest

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Guest', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Guest