



I spoke to over 100 organisations and individuals, some of whom benefited from my independent review. I am extremely grateful for the considerable time and effort contributed by the 330 people who have spoken in depth to me about the Review.

I have never mentioned the substance of any conversation held during the Review to anyone who would be made public. Nor did I intend to do so. My independent review was made in confidence to the independent review and consultation should be published. That position, of course, does not prevent anyone from publishing their

views, and
join the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Association of Tax Technicians⁴.

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1. Available at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ethics-law/publication/2018/ep/independent-review-legal-ethics-regulation>.
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Cri-pin Pa... more correct identified in a recent blog on *Legal Futures*¹¹ has in the interim report I had been a pain to provide a real role and future for the Law Society. I am initially disappointed that the Society's independent response had seemed not to read the report in the same way. On reflection, perhaps I did.

It is clear from the independent response that in relation to regulation the Law Society regards its primary role as being to represent the interests and interests of its members. I respect that indeed, I admire and welcome it. I regard it as a vital part of the professional regulatory framework, so