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FOIL UPDATE

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Update – Preserving the right to vote on Law Society issues

Members will have seen the various notices sent out by FOIL both before and after the Law Society AGM, particularly in relation to the proposals to reform the membership of the Law Society Council. FOIL is fighting to retain its place on the Council, as the defendant representative.

Following FOIL's success in moving amendments to the original proposals, a ballot of the full Law Society Membership will now take place. However, the Law Society has issued a notice urging solicitors to make sure they have provided an up-to-date email address and are not opted out of Law Society membership (non-marketing) communications, as otherwise they risk being disenfranchised from the key vote on proposed changes to the Law Society Council.

The deadline for members to ensure they can participate in the vote by ensuring their emails and contact preferences are up to date is 11 November. Email addresses can be checked via [My Law Society](#) (My LS) accounts or by contacting the Law Society Support Centre on 020 7242 1222. Members can also confirm that their preferences for receiving membership (non-marketing) emails from the Law Society are up to date via the Support Centre.

Law Society president David Greene has stressed the importance of this vote, on proposed constituency changes that would see the number of geographical seats reduced, while increasing seats for others including

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in-house lawyers, junior lawyers and women. Members will also be able to vote on a 12-year term limit for Council members.

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