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Dear Mr Cerrato-D'Amico

Inquiry into Skills, Recognition, Upgrading and Licensing

I refer to your letter of 12 May 2005 and thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the review by the Joint Standing Committee on Migration of Australia's system of assessing the skills of people wishing to migrate to Australia under the skilled migration system.

In South Australia the assessment of skills for legal practitioners is a matter for the Board of Examiners, which considers such applications with regard to the Rules of the Legal Practitioners' Education and Admission Council and the Supreme Court Admission Rules (which contain the Priestly requirements). Effectively the Priestly requirements are applied throughout Australia as the minimum requirements for admission although there are some variations between jurisdictions as to the application of these. The Administrators of Australasian Law Admitting Authorities (AALAA) continues to try to achieve greater uniformity between jurisdictions.

I trust that these comments are of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Jan Martin
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR