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Dear Mr Neidle

**Re: SLAPPs and purported confidential letters before claim**

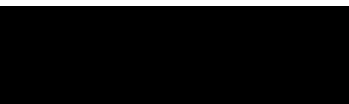
Thank you for your letter of 31 August 2022 where you request that we require solicitors, through guidance, to contact recipients of letters in which they have wrongfully asserted that correspondence could not be published and withdraw these assertions.

We will consider your suggestion as we develop our guidance. We will also continue to consider, on a case-by-case basis, the approach taken by solicitors and firms in response to any complaint.

For example, prompt withdrawal of a wrongful assertion of this nature would be a type of remedial action. We already take into account remedial action (or its absence) when assessing the seriousness of conduct. This is set out in our [Enforcement Strategy](#). Other factors relevant to seriousness include intent, harm and impact, and the vulnerability of any victim.

We will update you further once our guidance is finalised.

Yours sincerely



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