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Subject: End to dual registration of immigration lawyers

Dear Sir/Mdm,

I am both a lawyer & a migration agent & I think I'm qualified enough to comment. I endorse all the arguments for end to dual registration of immi lawyers in your draft recommendation.

It is burdensome having to comply with requirements of both regulatory bodies, not to mention the 2 fees payable to the 2 bodies for practising certs. I think it absurd that non-migration lawyers can only deal with immigration legal advice. Immigration law is complicated, but a lot are from legislations, regulations & legislative instruments which lawyers are all the more familiar with than non-lawyer agents, hands-down.

Rgds, Allan Wong [Victoria]