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Dear All

We have discussed with Counsel in more detail the appointment of a senior QC to review the judgment, grounds of appeal and provide advice on the merits of an appeal. There are two options:

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Neuberger – retired as the President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court in 2017. Lord Neuberger would be able to provide strategic and merits advice on the appeal. He would however not be able to represent Post Office in Court (having previously sat as a Judge). If we wish to instruct Lord Neuberger then it would be necessary to do so asap (ideally tomorrow). Hourly rate of [GRO]
- Lord Grabiner QC – a very senior QC who would be well placed to provide strategic advice and merits on the appeal, but would also be able to represent Post Office in the Court of Appeal if it was decided that a senior QC would assist with the presentation of Post Office's case. Lord Grabiner is currently under brief for a different matter but has some availability. Hourly rate of [GRO]

With either option we would also be looking to appoint a couple of junior Counsel to assist with the production of the advice.

Since Lord Neuberger would not be able to represent Post Office in Court, we would recommend that Post Office instruct Lord Grabiner QC to review the judgment (and surrounding documents such as the opening and closing submissions, witness statements and pleadings) and provide advice on the strategy to be adopted for the appeal and the merits of an appeal. We would roughly estimate the costs of obtaining this advice to be c.£80 to 100k, but would be able to firm this estimate once we have provided Lord Grabiner QC with the papers.

These are the very best QCs/Judges available and clearly command a premium price. The alternative would be to instruct a contemporary of David and Tony (noting that they are already very highly respected silks so this is already a highly-qualified level) but at a more proportionate cost. If you would like us to look at this option, please let me know and we will propose some names.

If you have any questions on the scope of the review to be undertaken, please let me know. Otherwise, please could you confirm that we can begin with instructing Lord Grabiner QC?

Kind regards

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