

1 brilliant this morning, Mr. Falconer.

2 MR. FALCONER: What seems like only a
3 few short days ago was February 2011, three and a half
4 years ago that I circulated a proposal relating to
5 mentoring. Then I nagged a lot of people for a long
6 time.

7 I'm not the only one. There have been
8 many who have supported and raised the issue of the
9 absence of guidance for those who need the help and how
10 much money it has cost the regulators because that
11 guidance hasn't been available.

12 There is a concept about mentoring that
13 I think is -- we have to accept is now antiquated.
14 Mentoring traditionally was a form of social
15 networking. It was an effort to plug people in and
16 introduce them to others. This isn't the mentoring
17 we're talking about anymore that's sorely lacking.
18 There's nothing wrong with the social networks, but
19 something is lacking that I think has to be
20 professionally reinforced, and that is giving access to
21 folks who don't have access to a network of judgment.
22 And getting access to real judgment will result, as an
23 example, in many of our Law Society discipline matters
24 not going forward, not being plugged with the failure
25 to cooperate allegations. Not being met with stressed

1 out, burned out lawyers who, had they had help at the
2 start, professional help, as in guidance and mentoring
3 of the kind I'm talking about, would not be in the
4 system.

5 The claims on the civil liabilities side
6 are endless and hundreds of millions of dollars. Some
7 of it may have been avoided.

8 I simply point out this is long overdue.
9 I'm delighted about it. We move slowly and this
10 sadly -- I'm tremendously grateful for this, but I want
11 to emphasize, we move slowly in this particular area, I
12 think this is an example where we have to pick up the
13 pace, but I think this is a great day.

14 TREASURER CONWAY: Ms. Ross.

15 MS. ROSS: Thank you, Treasurer.

16 Brilliant.

17 TREASURER CONWAY: Thank you. I think
18 she was talking about me.

19 MR. GOLDBLATT: I thought it was me.

20 MR. FALCONER: I thought it was about my
21 speech.

22 TREASURER CONWAY: Was she talking about
23 Mr. Falconer's speech or was she talking about the
24 motion? I think we'll never know.

25 Is there anyone else that wants to speak