

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