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Subject: Strong disagreement on the proposed new Note 3 to Listing Rules 3.28 for a general waiver

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong disagreement on the proposed new Note 3 to Listing Rules 3.28 for a general waiver. The new proposal will affect the professionalism of company secretaries as an unqualified person can become a company secretary with hand-holding by a qualified company secretary for up to 3 years, and thereafter presumably gain the relevant experience to become a qualified company secretary - without any need for being associated with any professional body.

I really do not understand why there is such a strange proposed new Note 3 for a general waiver. This will affect the status of the current company secretaries. Professional qualifications in corporate governance should be often be emphasized rather than be tolerated just for the sake of the convenience to benefit those companies for listing!

As a student in HKICS, I really feel disappointed for the proposed new Note 3 to Listing Rules 3.28 for a general waiver. I have studied very hard in corporate secretaryship for years and so feel very sad to hear the proposal of HKEX to codify the waiver in respect of the experience and qualification of company secretary into the Rules, allowing unqualified personnel to take up the professional and qualified personnel to fulfil the Main Board Rule 3.28 requirement. I really wonder what the point of pursuing a strenuous study on company secretaryship is.

Yours faithfully,
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