BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE –
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Lord Chancellor

New Law Journal reports that Lord Chancellor David Lidington has received "warm congratulations from both the Bar Council and Law Society."

McKenzie Friends

Family Law – Reporting on the Bar Council commissioned research on McKenzie Friends, published last week, Family Law quote extensively Chair of the Bar, Andrew Langdon QC.

He said: "It is particularly interesting that the courtroom – where the very concept of McKenzie Friends as "quiet supporters" for a litigant was born – is not primarily where those who pay them are receiving their services today. In that sense, what we see in court represents the tip of the iceberg.

"The risks of McKenzie Friends being able to seek payment for representing their clients in court, despite being unqualified and offering no disciplinary process and no requirement to have insurance, are considerable and so vulnerable clients have little protection."

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