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The Hon Kevin Andrews MP
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Dear Chair

Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System

The Law Council of Australia appeared before the Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System (**Committee**) at its public hearing in Sydney on 13 March 2020.

At the hearing, Law Council representatives were asked several questions in relation to evidence provided in family law proceedings, and in particular, how allegations of false statements are dealt with. In the course of the discussion, the Law Council was asked by Mr Graham Perrett MP to provide the Committee with a list of cases where courts have considered allegations of perjury in this context.

The following examples of proceedings may be of interest to the Committee when it further considers how allegations of perjury and/or contempt have been managed in family law proceedings:

- *Matthews v Norris* [2018] FamCA 341
- *Loomis v Thurston and Anor* [2016] FamCA 269
- *Collins v Ricardo* [2016] FamCA 211
- *Best v Best (Contempt)* [2015] FamCA 1164
- *Wylie v Wylie* [2014] FamCA 174
- *C v C* [2005] FamCA 548

We trust this additional information assists the Committee in its deliberations. Please contact the Chair of the Family Law Section Mr Paul Doolan on 02 9265 0124 or at paul.doolan@famlaw.com.au at first instance if you would like any further information or to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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President