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Dear Lynn

**Approval of the application made by the Costs Lawyer Standards Board (CLSB) to the Legal Services Board (LSB) under section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 for the level of the practising fee 2019**  
**Subject**

I am pleased to inform you that the 2018 practising fee level as set out in your application of 11 September 2018 has been approved by the LSB. This decision has been made under the authority delegated to me as Chief Executive by the LSB Board.

We are content that the information that you have provided meets the criteria set out in the [LSB's Practising Fee Rules 2016](#).

We note that the CLSB is still aiming to increase its reserves to 100% of operating income. We would be grateful of a further update on progress in next year's application.

I am copying this letter to Iain Stark at the Association of Cost Lawyers, as the Chair of the approved regulator, for information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Buckley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Neil Buckley**  
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Cc Iain Stark, Chair Association of Costs Lawyers