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Dear Peter,

Approval of the application made by the Faculty Office to the Legal Services Board (LSB) under section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 for the level of practising fees for 2011/12

I am pleased to inform you that the 2011/12 practising certificate fee (PCF) and the level of contribution to the contingency fund payable by notaries, as set out in your application of 2 September 2011, have 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 indicated that the criteria within the LSB's Practising Fee Rules 2009 have been met. Furthermore, as set out in your application, the intention to reduce the budget deficit seems sensible and the addition to the contingency fund is prudent given the increasing costs of disciplinary proceedings generally.

I am grateful to Neil Turpin, Assistant Clerk, Faculty Office, who has worked with my staff during the process to reach this decision. We look forward to maintaining dialogue going forward to ensure that we continue to improve the process for next year.

Please contact Sonya Gedson, Regulatory Associate sonya.gedson@legalservicesboard.org.uk or 020 7271 0073 if you have any questions of detail.

Yours sincerely

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