BY EMAIL (under section 203 of Legal Services Act 2007)

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Dear Joseph,

Extension notice issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007

This letter is an extension notice issued under paragraph 21(5) (b) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the "Act"). The words used in this extension notice have the meanings given to them in the Act.

On 25 March 2019 we received the Bar Standard Board's (BSB) application for approval of an amendment to its regulatory arrangements to introduce new transparency rules. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board may make a decision on the application; paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended.

The LSB has concluded that we need to extend the initial decision period to allow sufficient time to fully assess the application and allow the BSB to respond to a request for additional information sent by the LSB on 9 April 2019.

Therefore, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period to 90 days from when the application was submitted. The end of the decision period will therefore be 22 June 2019, although the LSB can make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice please contact Sally Al-Saleem (<u>sally.al-saleem@legalservicesboard.org.uk</u>, telephone 020 7271 0071).

A copy of this extension notice will be published on the LSB's website within the next two business days.

Yours sincerely,

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