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## Legal Services Board announces new Board Members

The Legal Services Board today announced the appointment of **Anneliese Day QC** (non-lay member) and **Terry Babbs** (lay member) as new non-executive Board Members for three year terms commencing 1 April 2013. The vacancies arise with the terms of David Wolfe QC and Nicole Smith ending on 31 March 2013.

The appointments were made by the Lord Chancellor, and approved by the Lord Chief Justice, in accordance with the Legal Services Act 2007.

Commenting on the announcement, David Edmonds, LSB Chairman said:

"As part of our planned renewal of the Board, I am delighted to welcome Anneliese and Terry to the Board. They bring high level skills and experience to the Board's work, and will be in a position to contribute immediately to our forward-looking agenda of regulatory reform and modernising legal services delivery

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Wolfe QC and Nicole Smith for their huge contributions to the Board's work since their appointment at the inception of the LSB. They will be missed."

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## Notes for editors:

 Anneliese Day QC is a barrister with 4 New Square Chambers, specialising in professional liability commercial and construction work. Her field of expertise covers not only advising and representing those bringing or facing professional conduct and professional standards issues in the court setting, but also advising on and dealing with complaints to professional bodies and risk management concerns.

Anneliese has sat on the Inner Temple Bar Liaison Committee for many years, and she was also involved in the promotion of the Bar Nursery. She is a member of the Professional Negligence Bar Association, COMBAR, the Chancery Bar Association, London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association, Tecbar, the Society of Construction Law and the South Eastern Circuit. Anneliese also acts as an arbitrator.

Until August 2012, Terry Babbs was the Group Ethical Trading Director for Tesco Stores Ltd.
He previously held the roles of International Trading Law and Technical Director, and Head of
Legal, Policy and Consumer Affairs at Tesco.

Prior to this he was Head of Trading Standards at Leicestershire County Council. Between 2004 and 2011 Terry was involved in establishing and running Sedex Information Exchange Ltd and Global Social Compliance Programme, companies which bring together business competitors to deliver better outcomes for their customers.

- 3. These appointments are from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2016. They carry a remuneration of £15,000 each, per annum for at least 30 days.
- 4. As Ministerial appointments, the process was regulated by Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA). The OCPA Code of Practice required that the recruitment followed the principles of openness and fairness and that the appointments were made on merit. The Code also required that an independent person sat on the Selection Panel.

The roles were advertised publicly in the national press and the executive search firm <u>GatenbySanderson</u> were engaged by the Ministry of Justice to assist in a search exercise to complement the advertising. Final interviews were held on 18 January 2013.

5. The Legal Services Act ("The Act") provided for the creation of the Legal Services Board as the oversight regulator for legal services in England and Wales. The LSB oversees eight 'approved regulators', which in turn regulate individual lawyers and organisations.

The eight approved regulators, designated under Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the 2007 Act, are the Law Society, the Bar Council, the Master of the Faculties, the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, the Council for Licensed Conveyancers, the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys, and the Association of Law Costs Draftsmen.

In addition, the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland** and the **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants** are listed as approved regulators in relation only to reserved probate activities.

- 6. Section 1 of the Act defines eight regulatory objectives shared by the LSB and the approved regulators. The regulatory objectives can be found on the LSB's website.
- 7. Details of the other members of the Legal Services Board and their biographies can be found on the LSB's website <a href="here">here</a>.