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Dear Ruth,

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

I am writing to you with regard to issuing an Extension Notice pursuant to paragraph 21(5) 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 1 February 2010, the Legal Services Board confirmed receipt of the Bar Standards Board's application: "BSB application for approval of the amendments to the Bar Code of Conduct in relation to Legal Disciplinary Practices and Partnerships of Barristers", to alter its regulatory arrangements. Paragraph 21(4) requires the Board to make a decision with regard to the application within 28 days of receiving the application (the "initial decision period").

After an assessment of the application, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Legal Services Board hereby extends the initial decision period until the end of Thursday 1 April 2010.

The extension of the initial decision period is required because in correspondence received at 13.49 on 26 February you have indicated that you plan to submit additional information to us by 5 March 2010 in relation to the application.

We have issued the extension until 1 April 2010 for the following reasons:

- You have agreed to submit further information to us in order to allow us to complete the consideration of your application.
- An incorrect version of the guidance supporting the Code of Conduct was submitted to us within the Bar Standards Board's application. This Guidance forms

part of the regulatory arrangements that you wish to alter. The correct version of the documentation was received by us at 12.50 on Tuesday 23 February 2010.

- We consider that for transparency, the revised documentation should also be accessible on both the Bar Standards Board and Legal Services Board websites for at least 14 days from its submission.

This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from Friday 26 February 2010 and will expire at the end of Thursday 1 April 2010. I believe that this will allow us sufficient time to consider the revised application in light of the above issues. In any event we remain committed to determining the application as quickly as possible following the receipt of adequate materials covering the additional information required. It might therefore be possible to complete the consideration of the application prior to the 1 April 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive

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