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Dear Vanessa

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) 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 26 April 2012 we received the Bar Standards Board's application to alter its regulatory arrangements in respect of the Bar Code of Conduct, Equality and Diversity provisions. 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 initial assessment of the application, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period up to 90 days from the date of the receiving the application.

The extension of the initial decision period is required due to the issues raised in the application and additional time required by us to assess those issues.

This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from 21 May 2012 and will expire on 24 July2012.

Yours sincerely

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