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Dear Paul,

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 8 August 2018 we received the Looking to the Future rule change application from the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) for the approval of changes to SRA regulatory arrangements. 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.

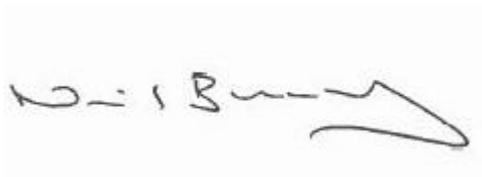
Given that this is a substantial application, the LSB has concluded that we need to extend the initial decision period to allow sufficient time for the LSB to consider the SRA's changes.

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 5 November 2018, although the LSB can make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice please contact Stephanie Borthwick (stephanie.borthwick@legalservicesboard.org.uk, telephone 020 7271 0089).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Buckley", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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