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Dear Lord Chancellor,

Recommendation for cancellation of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants' designation as an approved regulator

I am writing on behalf of the Legal Services Board (the Board) with its formal recommendation that the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants' (ACCA) designation as an approved regulator for its only reserved legal activity, probate activities, be cancelled.

Section 45(3) of the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act) contains provisions that, if met, require the Board to recommend that an order be made by the Lord Chancellor cancelling a body's designation. Under these provisions of the Act, the ACCA made an application to the Board seeking a recommendation to the Lord Chancellor that an order be made cancelling its designation for the reserved legal activities for which it is currently an approved regulator.

The Board has considered the application and is satisfied that the criteria contained in Section 45(3) of the Act have been met:

- the application was made on 22 October 2021 (Section 45(3)(a))
- the application is in the form and manner prescribed by rules made by the Board and was accompanied by the prescribed fee of £6000 (Section 45(3)(b))
- ACCA has published a notice giving details of the application (Section 45(3)(c)).

Therefore, the Board agreed at its meeting on 19 July 2022 to recommend to the Lord Chancellor that ACCA's designation as an approved regulator of reserved legal activities be cancelled.

We have annexed to this recommendation documents that support it:

- ACCA's application
- LSB analysis carried out to inform this recommendation
- LSB Decision Notices on alterations to regulatory arrangements.

These documents record the steps that ACCA has taken to ensure that all persons who it had authorised to provide the reserved legal activity of probate, have either been transferred to another approved regulator or have confirmed that they will no longer provide these services. The LSB has also already approved removal of its regulatory arrangements, meaning that it is currently a dormant regulator.

Please let us know if you would appreciate any additional information to inform your decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Phillips". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Helen" and the last name "Phillips" clearly distinguishable.

Dr Helen Phillips
Chair, Legal Services Board