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Dear Antony,

**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 14 May 2013, an application was made to the Legal Services Board (the Board) from the Bar Standards Board (BSB), Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and ILEX Professional Standards (IPS), who together form the representative group which is the Joint Advocacy Group. The application is to alter regulatory arrangements in relation to the introduction of the Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (the Scheme). Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out that the initial decision period within which the Board may make a decision with regard to the application is within 28 days of receiving the application.

After an initial assessment of the application, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5)(b), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period by up to 90 days from the date on which the application was made. This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from 5 June 2013 and will expire on 11 August 2013.

The application covers the sets of rules/regulations to be introduced by the three approved regulators to implement the Scheme, plus the Scheme Handbook and other additional documentation. To take account of this and additional information that has been received during our initial review and which is relevant for the Board to consider when deciding whether to grant the application, the Board requires an extension of the initial decision

period to allow us to thoroughly consider the application against the criteria in paragraph 25(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Kenny". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.A simple horizontal line drawn in black ink, positioned below the handwritten signature.

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