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Dear Mr Bader

**DECISION NOTICE RE: APPLICATION BY THE INSTITUTE OF TRADE MARK
ATTORNEYS TO BECOME A LICENSING AUTHORITY**

The Legal Services Board has recommended that the Lord Chancellor make an order designating the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys as a Licensing Authority for the purposes of regulating Alternative Business Structures in relation to the reserved legal activities of the exercise of a right of audience, conduct of litigation, reserved instrument activities and the administration of oaths.

I have decided to make an order to this effect under paragraph 15 of Schedule 10 to the Legal Services Act 2007. The order will be laid in Parliament in due course and my officials will keep you in touch with progress.

I am copying this Decision Notice to David Edmonds. It will also be published on the department's website.

Yours sincerely

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