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9 March 2010

Dear Ruth,

Extension Notice issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007

I am writing to you with regard to issuing an Extension Notice pursuant to 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 10 February 2010, the Legal Services Board confirmed receipt of the Bar Standards Board's application: "BSB application for approval of the amendments to the Bar Code of Conduct – the Structure of Self Employed Practice" (the "Structure Application"), to alter its regulatory arrangements. 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 assessment of the application, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Legal Services Board hereby extends the initial decision period until the end of Thursday 1 April 2010.


The extension of the initial decision period is required to allow us to consider the Structure Application alongside the Public Access application, which we confirmed receipt on 5 March 2010, as the code amendments and guidance submitted with the Structure Application make reference to the Public Access rules.

We have issued the extension until 1 April 2010 for the following reason:

- To allow the Legal Services Board to consider the Structure Application in accordance with the same timetable as the Public Access application.

This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from Tuesday 9 March 2010 and will expire at the end of 1 April 2010.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Macmillan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bruce Macmillan

General Counsel

Signing on behalf of the Chief Executive

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