BY EMAIL (under section 203 of Legal Services Act 2007)

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Dear Phil,

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 ("Act"). The words used in this extension notice have the meanings given to them in the Act.

Thank you for your application of 15 October 2026 for approval of proposed alterations to the BSB's regulatory arrangements relating to its enforcement powers and procedures in Part 5 of the BSB Handbook. I recognise that the proposals seek to significantly modernise the delivery of the BSB's enforcement function, to ensure it is quick, effective and responsive while preserving the quality of decisions. I note too that the proposals implement recommendations of the Harman Review and FieldFisher review, and the Voluntary Undertakings to improve regulatory effectiveness given by the BSB to the LSB.

Given that the existence of a fit for purpose enforcement function to protect consumers is of paramount importance and the issues raised by the application, the LSB requires an extension of time to fully consider and assess the proposals, In particular, the proposed changes are complex and expansive in scope going to the heart of the BSB's role as a regulator, with potentially far-reaching impacts on the regulatory landscape, the regulatory objectives, consumers and the regulated community. The extended time will enable us to complete our consideration and assessment of the application, including whether the proposed changes link to the intended outcomes. It will also allow the BSB sufficient time to respond to any issues, queries or requests for further information that may arise during the assessment process to inform our decision. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board ("LSB") may

make a decision on an application - this period ends on 11 November 2026. Paragraph 21(5)(b) provides that the LSB may extend this period by notice.

This letter gives notice that the LSB is extending the initial decision period for this application to 90 days, as provided for under paragraph 21(7) of Schedule 4 to the Act. The extended decision period ends on 12 January 2027 although the LSB will endeavour to make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice, please contact schedule4approvals (schedule4approvals@legalservicesboard.org.uk).

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

Yours sincerely,



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