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Dear Ian

### **ILEX applications for Litigation and Probate Rights**

Thank you for your letter of 14 July regarding withdrawal of the remaining ILEX designation applications (for probate and civil and family litigation rights). I would like to take this opportunity to say that we recognise the work that IPS has put into these applications, both in terms of their preparation and throughout the assessment process. I appreciate that this has been a long process for IPS which has involved a transition of the applications from the Ministry of Justice to the LSB.

We accept your decision to withdraw these applications given the changes in legal services regulation. IPS now needs to build upon the progress made so far and take the additional steps needed to become an outcome focused and risk based regulator. As you suggest, this will involve consideration of the Smedley research and the LSB's work on regulatory standards as it develops over the coming months.

We therefore welcome your review of the applications and are happy to offer support or advice where appropriate.

In terms of practical next steps, we will publish a short note on our website before the end of the decision period on 26 July saying that the applications have been withdrawn with a link to your letter. We do not intend to do anything more than this but please do get in touch if you have any specific thoughts with regards to handling.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crispin Passmore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Crispin Passmore**  
Strategy Director