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Our ref: IW/SLF

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Dear Crispin,

Re: ILEX Applications for Litigation and Probate Rights

I am writing to advise you that ILEX and IPS wish to withdraw the Applications we have submitted to the Legal Services Board to be authorised to grant rights in relation to litigation in civil and family proceedings and probate services. You will be aware that the Applications have taken a long journey to submission to the LSB, having originally been prepared for consideration by the Lord Chancellor under the Courts and Legal Services Act and that they were originally designed around individual professional obligations. The change of emphasis resulting from the Legal Services Act towards entity regulation and a licensing regime and the expectation that regulation should be outcomes focussed and risk based necessitate a review of the applications which IPS has been preparing on behalf of ILEX. We particularly wish to take into account the LSB's consultation on developing regulatory standards and the implications of the report prepared by Nick Smedley on smaller regulators.

We look forward to working with LSB staff on developing the rights Applications so that they will present schemes of regulation and qualification which will be effective to meet the objectives set out in the Legal Services Act.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Watson
Chief Executive

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