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Dear Ruth

## **IGR**

You will already be aware that my Board discussed your compliance with our internal governance rules at its recent meeting. My colleagues and I were delighted with the progress that has been made towards compliance and with the clear commitment to achieve full compliance by January 2012.

We noted that the BSB is currently recruiting for four additional members and that three of these will be lay. That will bring the BSB Board to immediate parity between lay and professional members in addition to your role as Chair. You have committed to achieve full compliance in your next annual recruitment round.

There are some outstanding matters, such as with service level agreements, which our executive teams will be discussing over the coming weeks. I am keen that these are resolved quickly. A more detailed assessment will be provided by my executive in due course and this will provide the basis for those further detailed discussions.

You will be aware that the dual self certification of compliance with our internal governance rules is an annual. Compliance with our rules ensures that a structure is in place that is capable of delivering independent regulation, but independent regulation must happen in practice so the 2011 annual return will bring greater focus to regulatory practice.

I appreciate the manner in which you, your Board and executive have approached these discussions over recent months. It provides a solid basis for regulators to jointly deliver the modernised legal regulation that the Legal Services Act intends.

I am copying this to Nick Green.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Edmonds', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PP **David Edmonds**  
Chairman

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