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Dear Paul,

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

On 12 January 2018 we received an application from the Solicitors Regulation Authority to alter its regulatory arrangements with regards to the introduction of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination.

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 the application; paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended.

After completing an initial assessment of the application, we have concluded that we need to extend the initial decision period to allow the Solicitors Regulation Authority to respond to questions regarding the proposed amendments, and for the LSB to consider the Solicitors Regulation Authority's responses to our enquiries.

Therefore, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period by 56 days from when the application was submitted, to 9 March 2018.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice please contact Chris Nichols (chris.nichols@legalservicesboard.org.uk, telephone 020 7271 0083).

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

Yours sincerely

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

Neil Buckley
Chief Executive

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