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Dear Kate,

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

On 28 April 2020 we received from the Costs Lawyers Standards Board (the "CLSB") an application for the approval of changes to its regulatory arrangements concerning its Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") Rules. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board may make a decision on the application; paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended.

It will be necessary for the LSB to make additional enquiries with the CLSB so that the LSB may fully understand the impact of the proposed changes for Costs Lawyers authorised by the CLSB. The LSB has thus concluded that it is necessary to extend the initial decision period to allow time for those enquiries to conclude and to assess the additional evidence it gathers.

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 to 90 days from when the application was submitted. The end of the decision period will therefore be **26 July 2020**, although the LSB can make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice, please contact Agapi Kasimati on agapi.kasimati@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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

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