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Chairman, ILEX Professional Standards

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Dear Alan,

It is with much regret that I am writing to inform you that I believe I must stand down from my membership of the IPS Board. Having discussed this with you informally, I believe that you will share my view that my resignation from the Board is a necessity.

As I mentioned when we spoke earlier, I have been asked by the Law Society to undertake a preliminary scoping study into whether the Law Society should develop or endorse qualifications for paralegals. The paralegal market is growing and, with the agenda arising out of the paper, "Unleashing Aspiration" still important, the Society considers that this may well be the time to explore whether it should have a role in providing qualifications for these employees.

I am sure that there is a conflict of interest in my carrying out this study and remaining as a member of the Regulatory Board for Legal Executives. Accordingly, I wish to tender my resignation from the Board with immediate effect.

I have enjoyed my time with the Board enormously, and have particularly valued your skilled chairmanship, and the way in which you have welded together a very able and collegiate team. Please pass on my thanks to my erstwhile colleagues on the Board, as well as to Ian and his excellent team in the executive.

I wish you and the Board every success in your future endeavours and very much hope that you and I can remain friends as well as colleagues in the exciting changes which face all of the legal profession in the years to come.

I am copying this letter to Ian Watson.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Smedley