



Ministry
of Justice

Lord Faulks QC
Minister of State for Justice

Bar Standards Board
Sir Andrew Burns
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July 2016

Dear Sir Andrew

**DECISION NOTICE RE: APPLICATION BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR
TO BECOME A LICENSING AUTHORITY**

The Legal Services Board has recommended that the Lord Chancellor make an order designating the General Council of the Bar as a Licensing Authority for the purposes of regulating Alternative Business Structures in relation to the reserved legal activities of the exercise of a right of audience, conduct of litigation, reserved instrument activities, probate activities and the administration of oaths.

I have decided to make an order to this effect under paragraph 15 of Schedule 10 to the Legal Services Act 2007. The order will be laid in Parliament in due course and my officials will keep you in touch with progress.

I am copying this Decision Notice to Sir Michael Pitt. It will also be published on the government's website.

Yours sincerely
Edward Faulks

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