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{ MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_TITLE_1" } { MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_INITIALS_1" } { MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_SURNAME_1" } { MERGEFIELD CALCULATION_ADDRESS }

Dear { MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_TITLE_1" } { MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_SURNAME_1" }

Re: { MERGEFIELD MATTER MATTER DESCRIPTION }

I am pleased to confirm that you will shortly be able to apply for Decree Absolute, which is the final stage of your divorce. Once the Court has pronounced your Decree Absolute you will no longer be married to your spouse and can go on to remarry if you so wish.

{ IF { MERGEFIELD TKDIVPFINANCE_FIN_REM } = "Concluded" "Since you and your spouse have reached an agreement in respect of finances, you can apply for Decree Absolute straight away. I should be grateful if you would please confirm, by return, that you are content for me to apply for Decree Absolute on your behalf." "{ IF { MERGEFIELD TKDIVPFINANCE_FIN_REM } = "Not concluded" "Since you have not yet reached an agreement with your spouse regarding financial matters, you can apply for Decree Absolute however I would strongly advise you not to do so until you have reached an agreement regarding finances. The reason for this is that you are in a stronger position if you remain married to your spouse and they should pass away. For example, if your spouse passes away before Decree Absolute has been obtained you will likely be entitled to a large proportion of their estate under the inheritance rules. If you are not married and your spouse passed away you would not be entitled to anything within your spouse's estate.

If, against my advice, you wish for me to apply for Decree Absolute on your behalf then I should be grateful if you would please sign and return the enclosed disclaimer confirming you understand the disadvantages of obtaining Decree Absolute without having resolved financial issues." "{ IF { MERGEFIELD TKDIVPFINANCE_FIN_REM } = "Client does not wish to obtain financial order" "Since you have instructed me you do not wish to deal with financial matters with your spouse at all, you can apply for Decree Absolute however I would strongly advise you not to do so. There are two reasons for this.

The first reason is that you are in a stronger position if you remain married to your spouse and they should pass away. For example, if your spouse passes away before Decree Absolute has been obtained you will likely be entitled to a large proportion of their estate under the inheritance rules. If you are not married and your spouse passed away you would not be entitled to anything within your spouse's estate.

The second reason is that unless either party remarries or dies, the other is able to make an application to the Court in the future to deal with financial issues. Successful applications

have been made in the past and therefore it is in both parties' interests to deal with finances at the time of the divorce.

If you would like further information regarding resolving financial issues then please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to assist.

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I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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