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Dear **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_ADDINFO_FW_CLI_SALUT **}**= "" "**{** MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_TITLE_1" **} {** MERGEFIELD "LINKNAME_SURNAME_1" **}**" "**{** MERGEFIELD FW_ADDINFO_FW_CLI_SALUT **}**" **}**

Re: { MERGEFIELD MATTER_MATTER_DESCRIPTION }

Since your spouse did not apply for the Final Order, you are now able to apply for the Final Order which is the final stage of your **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_APPTYPE * LOWER**}**. Once the Court has pronounced your Final Order you will no longer be **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_RELATIONSHIP **}** = "married" "married to" "in a civil partnership with" **}** your spouse and can go on to remarry if you so wish.

{ IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_FIN_REM **}** = "Concluded" "Since you and your spouse have reached an agreement in respect of finances, you can apply for the Final Order now. I should be grateful if you would please confirm, by return, that you are content for me to apply for the Final Order on your behalf." "**{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_FIN_REM **}** = "Not concluded" "Since you have not yet reached an agreement with your spouse regarding financial matters, you can apply for the Final Order 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 **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_RELATIONSHIP **}** = "married" "married to" "in a civil partnership with" **}** your spouse and they should pass away. For example, if your spouse passes away before the Final Order has been obtained you will likely be entitled to a large proportion of their estate under the inheritance rules. If you are not **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_RELATIONSHIP **}** = "married" "married" "in a civil partnership" **}** 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 the Final Order 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 the Final Order without having resolved financial issues." "**{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_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 the Final Order 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 **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_RELATIONSHIP **}** = "married" "married to" "in a civil partnership with" **}** your spouse and they should pass away. For example, if your spouse passes away before the Final Order has been obtained you will likely be entitled to a large proportion of their estate under the inheritance rules.   If you are not **{** IF **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_RELATIONSHIP **}** = "married" "married" "in a civil partnership" **}** 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 **{** MERGEFIELD FW_DIV_PETDET_FW_APPTYPE **}**.

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.

If, against my advice, you wish for me to apply for the Final Order 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 the Final Order without having resolved financial issues." "" **}**" **}**" **}**

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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