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Kerry Simmons
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Dear Kerry Simmons:

I write further to the legislative project underway to modernize the regulation of legal professions in British Columbia.

As you are aware, when we released an intentions paper in September 2022, we targeted introducing proposed legislation as early as the fall of 2023. As we considered the work that needed to be completed, including consultations with your organization as well as our Indigenous partners and others, we determined it would be prudent to shift the target for the legislation to the spring 2024 session. Fortunately, this also aligns with broader government planning of the legislative agenda.

While this does give us more time, it still will require the Ministry to effectively complete its work by the end of this calendar year. This will require a concerted effort by all. I am confident with the assistance of our partners and stakeholders we will be able to present a well thought out and thorough bill that will meet the objectives that we articulated when we began this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Niki Sharma', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Niki Sharma, KC
Attorney General