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Dear Sirs

CILEx Level 3 Diploma in Law and Legal Skills (601/7248/4)

I am a Chartered Legal Executive, admitted as a Fellow in June 1991. I am employed by a major international law firm, based in their Bristol office. I have been with my current employers for 13 years. I am a senior litigator within their Property Recovery Solutions team.

As a senior chartered legal executive I work with colleagues at all levels, to include paralegals and administrators. The role of paralegals and administrators is very important to the business, not just in the team in which I work, but throughout the business and our offices. My employers have taken on a number of legal apprentices in different parts of the business.

I have reviewed the Level 3 Diploma in Law and Legal Skills which will be offered to those aged 16+ (both in schools and colleges). I personally consider the qualification would give young people a significant advantage in applying for a role as a paralegal or an apprenticeship.

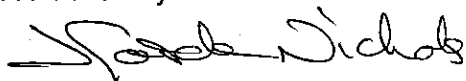
The qualification includes skills and knowledge necessary for paralegal work and for working in the legal profession and so would give students an advantage in applying not only for paralegal work or an apprenticeship but also for an administrative role in a legal firm which, in turn, could lead to a paralegal position.

I also consider that the qualification will assist social mobility in that it will give young people from different backgrounds an opportunity to consider a potential career in the legal profession – something that some young people may never have considered before.

I would support this qualification or inclusion in the DfE Performance Tables for Level 3 qualifications.

I confirm I consent to my name appearing on the DfE and CILEx

Yours faithfully



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