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Jointly Solutions Ltd. 402 Leach St, Box 922 Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

Attention: Aimee N. Schalles and Amanda Baron

Dear Jointly Solutions Ltd.:

Re: Innovation Sandbox Proposal

Thank you for your proposal to participate in the Law Society of British Columbia's ("LSBC") Innovation Sandbox.

Through the Innovation Sandbox, LSBC is seeking to expand access to legal services by enabling innovative solutions that address areas of unmet legal need but which would otherwise contravene the *Legal Profession Act*, the Law Society Rules or the Code of Professional Conduct.

The LSBC Executive Committee has reviewed your proposal to provide services and has agreed to issue to you this "no action" letter.

1. Services

Jointly Solutions Ltd. ("Jointly") proposes to offer services in the area of family law (the "Services") through an online platform called Jointly, at the URL www.getjointly.ca, which automates the creation of family law agreements, including: cohabitation, prenuptial, marriage and separation agreements. Self-represented parties will be able to prepare their own agreements using the Jointly platform.

Gigi Chen-Kuo
Executive Director/
Chief Executive Officer

2. No Action

Based on your proposal (copy attached) and any additional information you provided or LSBC obtained in relation to your proposal, LSBC will not initiate action to prevent Jointly from providing the Services ("no-action") provided the following conditions are met:

- 2.1 The information you have provided in support of Jointly's proposal is accurate and complete in all respects.
- 2.2 Only Jointly provides the Services.
- Jointly's provision of the Services does not present a risk of harm to the public or undermine the integrity of the administration of justice.
- Jointly provides information to LSBC regarding Jointly's provision of the Services on the first business day of each month in the approved form and more frequently if requested.
- 2.5 Jointly includes the following disclosure on any website, social media and other mediums you use to promote the Services and Jointly provides this disclosure in written form to each client prior to commencing any engagement:
 - My/our services to you are not provided by a lawyer regulated by the Law Society of British Columbia. As a result: (a) I/we could be required to disclose to third parties your communications with me/us and any documents you provide in relation to my/our advice and assistance as such communications will not be subject to solicitor-client privilege; and (b) I/we am/are not required to have professional liability insurance. (c) There is no statutory complaint process in relation to the services that I/we provide and (d) the Law Society of British Columbia has not evaluated or verified my/our competence, character, and/or fitness to provide the services. For more information about the Law Society's innovation sandbox visit https://lawsociety.bc.ca/sandbox.
- Jointly is expected to deliver the Services in a manner consistent with our expectations of lawyers under the *Legal Profession Act*, the LSBC Rules and the LSBC Code of Professional Conduct to the extent they are applicable.

- 2.7 You consent to the disclosure by the Law Society of information about your business, including your business name, address, website address, and the scope of Services which you may provide, this no-action letter, and the modification or rescission of the no-action letter, generally on its website and in response to inquiries from the public or regulatory bodies and for the purpose of informing the public about you and the Services you may provide in conjunction with your participation in the Innovation Sandbox.
- 2.8 Jointly cooperates fully with any investigation into any complaint LSBC receives about the Services and/or your conduct in relation to the provision of the Service and you respond promptly to requests from the LSBC for any information and/or documents in relation to the provision of Services.
- 2.9 Jointly indemnifies and saves harmless LSBC, its Benchers, officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and expenses that LSBC, its Benchers, officers, agents or employees may sustain, incur, suffer, or be put to at any time, either before or after this Agreement ends, which are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of any act or omission in your provision of the Services.
- 2.10 Jointly does not assert, imply or otherwise suggest in any way that the no-action letter is an approval, endorsement or certification of the quality of Jointly's Services or of Jointly's qualifications, competence or fitness to provide the Services.

3. Rescission

The Law Society may rescind this no-action letter at any time on written notice if:

- 3.1 Jointly fails to meet any of the conditions set out in Part 2 of this letter.
- 3.2 Jointly provides services beyond the scope of your proposal that constitute the practice of law as defined in the *Legal Profession Act*.

- Jointly engages in, or propose to engage in, conduct in relation to the provision of the Services that presents a risk of harm to the public or undermines the integrity of the administration of justice.
- 3.4 Material information that you failed to disclose comes to our attention or misinformation is discovered.

4. Acknowledgement

By acceptance of this letter, you acknowledge that:

- 4.1 This no-action letter is not an endorsement of the quality of the Services Jointly provides or of Jointly's qualifications, competence or fitness to provide the Services.
- 4.2 The issuance of this no-action letter is not an agreement on the part of LSBC, its Benchers, officers, agents and employees, to insure or indemnify Jointly or its clients for any claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, fines, penalties and/or expenses that may arise in relation to Jointly's Services and Jointly will remain solely responsible.
- 4.3 This no-action letter will take effect from the date of this letter and remain in effect until LSBC provides written notice of modification or rescission or otherwise determines that other regulatory measures are appropriate in relation to the Services.
- 4.4 If the LSBC determines that some or all of Jointly's Services require a licence, Jointly agrees to submit an application in that licensing process if Jointly wish to continue providing the Services.

Thank you again for your proposal and we trust that you will be successful in providing the Services to the public.

Sincerely,

Gigi Chen-Kuo (she/her)

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Enclosure