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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Barristers as Critical (or 'Key') Workers**

I am writing to you in my capacity as [Title i.e. Head of Chambers] of [Name of Organisation], and on behalf of one of our [members/employees], [Name of Barrister].

Under Schedule 3A, Part 1, Paragraph 2(5)(e) of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020, which covers the Government's prescribed exceptions for leaving the home, people may do so in order to "*fulfil a legal obligation or to participate in legal proceedings*". This section of the Regulations allows practising barristers to leave their home, travel and stay in alternative accommodation in order to undertake work and fulfil their obligations to their clients and to the courts. Furthermore, barristers are included in the Government's list of critical (or 'key') workers and fall under the heading of "*those [persons] essential to the running of the justice system*"; a fact that was by the Chair of the Bar on 5 January 2021 following a meeting with Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me at [email address] or on [contact number]. For reference, a list of all practising barristers in England and Wales can be found on the website of their regulator, the Bar Standards Board, at: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristers-record/the-barristers-register.html>.

Yours sincerely,

[Name of Signatory]

[Title of Signatory i.e. Head of Chambers]