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**Dear Chairman and Members of the Chancery Bar Association  
and Property Bar Association**

I am writing to thank you all so very much for the farewell Party you gave me on 28<sup>th</sup> November, and also for the beautiful flowers and the book which so many of you had signed.

When I decided to retire, I thought I would just slip away quietly, but I am so pleased that you did not let me. It was a lovely evening for me, the memory of which I will treasure. I met so many friends again, old ones and more recent ones, and was reminded of the many happy times I have had, both in practice and on the bench. I was astonished at the numbers who came, and I am sorry I was not able to speak to all of you.

Your two Associations do tremendous work in maintaining good standards in litigation. It has always been a pleasure - and often even a relief – to find that counsel appearing before me was a member of the ChBA or Propbar. I then knew I could rely on the case being carefully and thoroughly prepared and clearly presented, and this would make my task so much easier.

I wish the Associations, and all of you as its members, a flourishing future. May your pleadings be concise(!), your bundles economical, your arguments elegant and your submissions persuasive. I wish each of you success and fulfilment in what is surely the best professional career of all – the independent civil Bar of England and Wales.

Once again, thank you for your good wishes and kind words to and about me, and the book which will be a great memento by which to remember you all.

Yours ever

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