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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 121**

**The European Communities (Lawyer's  
Practice) (Scotland) Regulations 2000**

**PART I**

**INTRODUCTORY**

**Exchange of information**

**5.—(1)** In order to facilitate the application of the Directive and to prevent its provisions from being misapplied, a professional body may supply to or receive from—

- (a) another professional body;
- (b) the England and Wales or Northern Ireland solicitors' professional bodies or barristers' professional bodies; or
- (c) an authority in any of the States listed in regulation 2(4) which has been designated by that State under the Directive as a competent authority in that State,

any information relating to a European lawyer or to any person with whom he jointly practises.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) or as otherwise required by law in the interests of justice, a professional body shall preserve the confidentiality of any information received in accordance with paragraph (1) relating to a European lawyer or to any person with whom he jointly practises.

(3) A competent authority in Scotland shall provide a certificate attesting to the registration of a solicitor or advocate registered with it and his authorisation to practise when requested to do so by that solicitor or advocate or by a competent authority in a State listed in regulation 2(4).