



Legal Services Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 29

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An Act to make provision for the establishment of the Legal Services Board and in respect of its functions; to make provision for, and in connection with, the regulation of persons who carry on certain legal activities; to make provision for the establishment of the Office for Legal Complaints and for a scheme to consider and determine legal complaints; to make provision about claims management services and about immigration advice and immigration services; to make provision in respect of legal representation provided free of charge; to make provision about the application of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007; to make provision about the Scottish legal services ombudsman; and for connected purposes. [30th October 2007]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act modified (in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending instrument) by [The National Assembly for Wales Commission \(Crown Status\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1118\)](#), **art. 6**
- C2 Act modified (28.11.2008) by [The Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), **reg. 12(1)(a)(ii)** (with reg.1)

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PART 1 **E+W**

THE REGULATORY OBJECTIVES

1 The regulatory objectives **E+W**

- (1) In this Act a reference to “the regulatory objectives” is a reference to the objectives of—
- (a) protecting and promoting the public interest;
 - (b) supporting the constitutional principle of the rule of law;
 - (c) improving access to justice;
 - (d) protecting and promoting the interests of consumers;
 - (e) promoting competition in the provision of services within subsection (2);
 - (f) encouraging an independent, strong, diverse and effective legal profession;
 - (g) increasing public understanding of the citizen's legal rights and duties;
 - (h) promoting and maintaining adherence to the professional principles.
- (2) The services within this subsection are services such as are provided by authorised persons (including services which do not involve the carrying on of activities which are reserved legal activities).
- (3) The “professional principles” are—
- (a) that authorised persons should act with independence and integrity,
 - (b) that authorised persons should maintain proper standards of work,
 - (c) that authorised persons should act in the best interests of their clients,
 - (d) that persons who exercise before any court a right of audience, or conduct litigation in relation to proceedings in any court, by virtue of being authorised persons should comply with their duty to the court to act with independence in the interests of justice, and
 - (e) that the affairs of clients should be kept confidential.
- (4) In this section “authorised persons” means authorised persons in relation to activities which are reserved legal activities.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3 S. 1 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), [art. 7\(1\)](#)

PART 2 **E+W**

THE LEGAL SERVICES BOARD

Constitution

2 The Legal Services Board **E+W**

- (1) There is to be a body corporate called the Legal Services Board (“the Board”).

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(2) Schedule 1 is about the Board.

General functions

3 The Board's duty to promote the regulatory objectives etc **E+W**

- (1) In discharging its functions the Board must comply with the requirements of this section.
- (2) The Board must, so far as is reasonably practicable, act in a way—
 - (a) which is compatible with the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) which the Board considers most appropriate for the purpose of meeting those objectives.
- (3) The Board must have regard to—
 - (a) the principles under which regulatory activities should be transparent, accountable, proportionate, consistent and targeted only at cases in which action is needed, and
 - (b) any other principle appearing to it to represent the best regulatory practice.

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4 Standards of regulation, education and training **E+W**

The Board must assist in the maintenance and development of standards in relation to—

- (a) the regulation by approved regulators of persons authorised by them to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities, and
- (b) the education and training of persons so authorised.

5 Corporate governance **E+W**

In managing its affairs, the Board must have regard to such generally accepted principles of good corporate governance as it is reasonable to regard as applicable to it.

6 Annual report **E+W**

- (1) The Board must prepare a report (“the annual report”) for each financial year.
- (2) The annual report must deal with—
 - (a) the discharge of the Board's functions,
 - (b) the extent to which, in the Board's opinion, the Board has met the regulatory objectives, and
 - (c) such other matters as the Lord Chancellor may from time to time direct.
- (3) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Board must give the Lord Chancellor a copy of the annual report prepared for that year.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor must lay a copy of the annual report before Parliament.

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- (5) In this section “financial year” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the day on which the Board is established and ending with the next following 31 March, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

7 Supplementary powers **E+W**

The Board may do anything calculated to facilitate, or incidental or conducive to, the carrying out of any of its functions.

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Consumer Panel

8 The Consumer Panel **E+W**

- (1) The Board must establish and maintain a panel of persons (to be known as “the Consumer Panel”) to represent the interests of consumers.
- (2) The Consumer Panel is to consist of such consumers, or persons representing the interests of consumers, as the Board may appoint with the approval of the Lord Chancellor.
- (3) The Board must appoint one of the members of the Consumer Panel to be the chairman of the Panel.
- (4) The Board must secure that the membership of the Consumer Panel is such as to give a fair degree of representation to both—
 - (a) those who are using (or are or may be contemplating using), in connection with businesses carried on by them, services provided by persons who are authorised persons in relation to activities which are reserved legal activities, and
 - (b) those who are using (or are or may be contemplating using) such services otherwise than in connection with businesses carried on by them.
- (5) The Consumer Panel must not include any person who is—
 - (a) a member of the Board or of its staff;
 - (b) a member of the Office for Legal Complaints (see Part 6), an ombudsman appointed by it or a member of its staff appointed under paragraph 13 of Schedule 15;
 - (c) a member of the governing body, or of the staff, of an approved regulator;
 - (d) an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity;
 - (e) a person authorised, by a person designated under section 5(1) of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29), to provide services which are regulated claims management services (within the meaning of that Act);
 - (f) an advocate in Scotland;
 - (g) a solicitor in Scotland;
 - (h) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland; or

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- (i) a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.
- (6) The chairman and other members of the Consumer Panel are to be—
 - (a) appointed for a fixed period, and on other terms and conditions, determined by the Board, and
 - (b) paid by the Board in accordance with provision made by or under the terms of appointment.
- (7) But a person may be removed from office in accordance with those terms and conditions only with the approval of the Lord Chancellor.
- (8) A person who ceases to be chairman or another member of the Consumer Panel may be re-appointed.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 8 wholly in force at 1.1.2009, see s. 211 and S.I. 2008/3149, **art. 2(a)** (subject to **art. 3**)

9 Committees and the procedure of the Consumer Panel **E+W**

- (1) The Consumer Panel may make such arrangements as it thinks fit for committees established by the Panel to give advice to the Panel about matters relating to the carrying out of the Panel's functions.
- (2) The Consumer Panel may make such other arrangements for regulating its own procedure, and for regulating the procedure of the committees established by it, as it thinks fit.
- (3) Those arrangements may include arrangements as to quorums and as to the making of decisions by a majority.
- (4) The committees established by the Consumer Panel may include committees the membership of which includes persons who are not members of the Panel.
- (5) The membership of every committee established by the Consumer Panel must contain at least one person who is a member of the Panel.
- (6) Where a person who is not a member of the Consumer Panel is a member of a committee established by it, the Board may pay to that person such remuneration and expenses as the Board may determine.

10 Representations by the Consumer Panel **E+W**

- (1) The Board must consider any representations made to it by the Consumer Panel.
- (2) If the Board disagrees with a view expressed, or proposal made, in the representations, it must give the Consumer Panel a notice to that effect stating its reasons for disagreeing.
- (3) The Consumer Panel may publish such information as it thinks fit about any representations made by it to the Board.
- (4) Where the Consumer Panel publishes information about any representations made by it, the Board must publish any notice it gives under subsection (2) in respect of those representations.

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11 Advice and research functions of the Consumer Panel **E+W**

- (1) The Consumer Panel may, at the request of the Board—
 - (a) carry out research for the Board;
 - (b) give advice to the Board.
- (2) The Board must consider any advice given and the results of any research carried out under this section.
- (3) The Consumer Panel may publish such information as it thinks fit about advice it gives, and about the results of research carried out by it, under this section.

PART 3 **E+W**

RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Reserved legal activities

12 Meaning of “reserved legal activity” and “legal activity” **E+W**

- (1) In this Act “reserved legal activity” means—
 - (a) the exercise of a right of audience;
 - (b) the conduct of litigation;
 - (c) reserved instrument activities;
 - (d) probate activities;
 - (e) notarial activities;
 - (f) the administration of oaths.
- (2) Schedule 2 makes provision about what constitutes each of those activities.
- (3) In this Act “legal activity” means—
 - (a) an activity which is a reserved legal activity within the meaning of this Act as originally enacted, and
 - (b) any other activity which consists of one or both of the following—
 - (i) the provision of legal advice or assistance in connection with the application of the law or with any form of resolution of legal disputes;
 - (ii) the provision of representation in connection with any matter concerning the application of the law or any form of resolution of legal disputes.
- (4) But “legal activity” does not include any activity of a judicial or quasi-judicial nature (including acting as a mediator).
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3) “legal dispute” includes a dispute as to any matter of fact the resolution of which is relevant to determining the nature of any person's legal rights or liabilities.
- (6) Section 24 makes provision for adding legal activities to the reserved legal activities.

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Commencement Information

- 12** S. 12 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 12 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 12 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; s. 12 in force for certain further purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; s. 12 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b) (with art. 9)

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Carrying on the activities

13 Entitlement to carry on a reserved legal activity **E+W**

- (1) The question whether a person is entitled to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity is to be determined solely in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (2) A person is entitled to carry on an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity where—
 - (a) the person is an authorised person in relation to the relevant activity, or
 - (b) the person is an exempt person in relation to that activity.
- (3) Subsection (2) is subject to section 23 (transitional protection for non-commercial bodies).
- (4) Nothing in this section or section 23 affects section 84 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (which prohibits the provision of immigration advice and immigration services except by certain persons).

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Offences

14 Offence to carry on a reserved legal activity if not entitled **E+W**

- (1) It is an offence for a person to carry on an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity unless that person is entitled to carry on the relevant activity.
- (2) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (1), it is a defence for the accused to show that the accused did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, that the offence was being committed.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) by reason of an act done in the purported exercise of a right of audience, or a right to conduct litigation, in

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relation to any proceedings or contemplated proceedings is also guilty of contempt of the court concerned and may be punished accordingly.

- (5) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), the reference in subsection (3)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

15 Carrying on of a reserved legal activity: employers and employees etc E+W

- (1) This section applies for the interpretation of references in this Act to a person carrying on an activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (2) References to a person carrying on an activity which is a reserved legal activity include a person (“E”) who—
- (a) is an employee of a person (“P”), and
 - (b) carries on the activity in E’s capacity as such an employee.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), it is irrelevant whether P is entitled to carry on the activity.
- (4) P does not carry on an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity by virtue of E carrying it on in E’s capacity as an employee of P, unless the provision of relevant services to the public or a section of the public (with or without a view to profit) is part of P’s business.
- (5) Relevant services are services which consist of or include the carrying on of the relevant activity by employees of P in their capacity as employees of P.
- (6) Where P is an independent trade union, persons provided with relevant services do not constitute the public or a section of the public where—
- (a) the persons are provided with the relevant services by virtue of their membership or former membership of P or of another person’s membership or former membership of P, and
 - (b) the services are excepted membership services.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8), “excepted membership services” means relevant services which relate to or have a connection with—
- (a) relevant activities of a member, or former member, of the independent trade union;
 - (b) any other activities carried on for the purposes of or in connection with, or arising from, such relevant activities;
 - (c) any event which has occurred (or is alleged to have occurred) in the course of or in connection with such relevant activities or activities within paragraph (b);
 - (d) activities carried on by a person for the purposes of or in connection with, or arising from, the person’s membership of the independent trade union;
- and such other relevant services as the Lord Chancellor may by order specify.
- (8) The Lord Chancellor may by order make provision about the circumstances in which relevant services do or do not relate to, or have a connection with, the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (7).
- (9) Subject to that, the Lord Chancellor may by order make provision about—
- (a) what does or does not constitute a section of the public;

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(b) the circumstances in which the provision of relevant services to the public or a section of the public does or does not form part of P's business.

(10) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under subsection (7), (8) or (9) only on the recommendation of the Board.

(11) If P is a body, references to an employee of P include references to a manager of P.

(12) In subsection (7), “relevant activities”, in relation to a person who is or was a member of an independent trade union, means any employment (including self-employment), trade, occupation or other activity to which the person's membership of the trade union relates or related.

16 Offence to carry on reserved legal activity through person not entitled **E+W**

(1) Where subsection (2) applies it is an offence for a person (“P”) to carry on an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity, despite P being entitled to carry on the relevant activity.

(2) This subsection applies if—

- (a) P carries on the relevant activity by virtue of an employee of P (“E”) carrying it on in E's capacity as such an employee, and
- (b) in carrying on the relevant activity, E commits an offence under section 14.

(3) If P is a body, references in subsection (2) to an employee of P include references to a manager of P.

(4) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (1), it is a defence for the accused to show that the accused took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid committing the offence.

(5) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).

(6) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) by reason of an act done in the purported exercise of a right of audience, or a right to conduct litigation, in relation to any proceedings or contemplated proceedings is also guilty of contempt of the court concerned and may be punished accordingly.

(7) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), the reference in subsection (5)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

17 Offence to pretend to be entitled **E+W**

(1) It is an offence for a person—

- (a) wilfully to pretend to be entitled to carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity when that person is not so entitled, or
- (b) with the intention of implying falsely that that person is so entitled, to take or use any name, title or description.

(2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—

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- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (3) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), the reference in subsection (2)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

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Interpretation

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18 Authorised persons **E+W**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act “authorised person”, in relation to an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity, means —
- (a) a person who is authorised to carry on the relevant activity by a relevant approved regulator in relation to the relevant activity (other than by virtue of a licence under Part 5), or
 - (b) a licensable body which, by virtue of such a licence, is authorised to carry on the relevant activity by a licensing authority in relation to the reserved legal activity.
- (2) A licensable body may not be authorised to carry on the relevant activity as mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) But where a body (“A”) which is authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) becomes a licensable body, the body is deemed by virtue of this subsection to continue to be so authorised from that time until the earliest of the following events—
- (a) the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which that time falls;
 - (b) the time from which the relevant approved regulator determines this subsection is to cease to apply to A;
 - (c) the time when A ceases to be a licensable body.
- (4) Subsection (2) is subject to Part 2 of Schedule 5 (by virtue of which licensable bodies may be deemed to be authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) in relation to certain activities during a transitional period).
- (5) A person other than a licensable body may not be authorised to carry on the relevant activity as mentioned in subsection (1)(b).
- (6) But where a body (“L”) which is authorised as mentioned in subsection (1)(b) ceases to be a licensable body, the body is deemed by virtue of this subsection to continue to be so authorised from that time until the earliest of the following events—

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- (a) the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which that time falls;
- (b) the time from which the relevant licensing authority determines this subsection is to cease to apply to L;
- (c) the time when L becomes a licensable body.

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 18 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 18(1)(a) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(1\)](#) and with [art. 9](#))

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19 Exempt persons **E+W**

In this Act, “exempt person”, in relation to an activity (“the relevant activity”) which is a reserved legal activity, means a person who, for the purposes of carrying on the relevant activity, is an exempt person by virtue of—

- (a) Schedule 3 (exempt persons), or
- (b) paragraph 13 or 18 of Schedule 5 (additional categories of exempt persons during transitional period).

20 Approved regulators and relevant approved regulators **E+W**

- (1) In this Act, the following expressions have the meaning given by this section—
“approved regulator”;
“relevant approved regulator”.
- (2) “Approved regulator” means—
- (a) a body which is designated as an approved regulator by Part 1 of Schedule 4 or under Part 2 of that Schedule (or both) and whose regulatory arrangements are approved for the purposes of this Act, and
 - (b) if an order under section 62(1)(a) has effect, the Board.
- (3) An approved regulator is a “relevant approved regulator” in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity if—
- (a) the approved regulator is designated by Part 1, or under Part 2, of Schedule 4 in relation to that reserved legal activity, or
 - (b) where the approved regulator is the Board, it is designated in relation to that reserved legal activity by an order under section 62(1)(a).
- (4) An approved regulator is a “relevant approved regulator” in relation to a person if the person is authorised by the approved regulator to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (5) Schedule 4 makes provision with respect to approved regulators other than the Board.
- In that Schedule—

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- (a) Part 1 designates certain bodies as approved regulators in relation to certain reserved legal activities,
 - (b) Part 2 makes provision for bodies to be designated by order as approved regulators in relation to one or more reserved legal activities, and
 - (c) Part 3 makes provision relating to the approval of changes to an approved regulator's regulatory arrangements.
- (6) An approved regulator may authorise persons to carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity in respect of which it is a relevant approved regulator.

Commencement Information

- I4** S. 20 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 20 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 20(2) in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; s. 20(5) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(b)(i); s. 20 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(i) (with art. 9)

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21 Regulatory arrangements **E+W**

- (1) In this Act references to the “regulatory arrangements” of a body are to—
- (a) its arrangements for authorising persons to carry on reserved legal activities,
 - (b) its arrangements (if any) for authorising persons to provide immigration advice or immigration services,
 - (c) its practice rules,
 - (d) its conduct rules,
 - (e) its disciplinary arrangements in relation to regulated persons (including its discipline rules),
 - (f) its qualification regulations,
 - (g) its indemnification arrangements,
 - (h) its compensation arrangements,
 - (i) any of its other rules or regulations (however they may be described), and any other arrangements, which apply to or in relation to regulated persons, other than those made for the purposes of any function the body has to represent or promote the interests of persons regulated by it, and
 - (j) its licensing rules (if any), so far as not within paragraphs (a) to (i),
- (whether or not those arrangements, rules or regulations are contained in, or made under, an enactment).
- (2) In this Act—
- “compensation arrangements”, in relation to a body, means arrangements to provide for grants or other payments for the purposes of relieving or mitigating losses or hardship suffered by persons in consequence of—
- (a) negligence or fraud or other dishonesty on the part of any persons whom the body has authorised to carry on activities which constitute

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a reserved legal activity, or of employees of theirs, in connection with their activities as such authorised persons, and

(b) failure, on the part of regulated persons, to account for money received by them in connection with their activities as such regulated persons;

“conduct rules”, in relation to a body, means any rules or regulations (however they may be described) as to the conduct required of regulated persons;

“discipline rules”, in relation to a body, means any rules or regulations (however they may be described) as to the disciplining of regulated persons;

“indemnification arrangements”, in relation to a body, means arrangements for the purpose of ensuring the indemnification of those who are or were regulated persons against losses arising from claims in relation to any description of civil liability incurred by them, or by employees or former employees of theirs, in connection with their activities as such regulated persons;

“practice rules”, in relation to a body, means any rules or regulations (however they may be described) which govern the practice of regulated persons;

“qualification regulations”, in relation to a body, means—

(a) any rules or regulations relating to—

- (i) the education and training which persons must receive, or
- (ii) any other requirements which must be met by or in respect of them,

(in order for them to be authorised by the body to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity,

(b) any rules or regulations relating to—

- (i) the education and training which persons must receive, or
- (ii) any other requirements which must be met by or in respect of them,

(in order for them to be authorised by the body to provide immigration advice or immigration services, and

(c) any other rules or regulations relating to the education and training which regulated persons must receive or any other requirements which must be met by or in respect of them,

(however they may be described).

(3) In this section “regulated persons”, in relation to a body, means any class of persons which consists of or includes—

- (a) persons who are authorised by the body to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity;
- (b) persons who are not so authorised, but are employees of a person who is so authorised.

(4) In relation to an authorised person other than an individual, references in subsection (2) and (3) to employees of the person include managers of the person.

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Commencement Information

- I5** S. 21 partly in force: s. 21 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 21(1)(a)-(i)(2)-(4) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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Continuity of existing rights and transitional protection

22 Continuity of existing rights to carry on reserved legal activities **E+W**

Schedule 5 makes provision for the continuity of existing rights and for certain persons to be deemed, during a transitional period, to be authorised by approved regulators to carry on certain activities.

23 Transitional protection for non-commercial bodies **E+W**

- (1) During the transitional period, a body within subsection (2) is entitled to carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (2) The bodies are—
 - (a) a not for profit body,
 - (b) a community interest company, or
 - (c) an independent trade union.
- (3) The transitional period is the period which—
 - (a) begins with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13, and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed by the Lord Chancellor by order for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (4) Different days may be appointed under subsection (3)(b) for different purposes.
- (5) An order may be made under subsection (3)(b) only on the recommendation of the Board.

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Alteration of reserved legal activities

24 Extension of the reserved legal activities **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, amend section 12 or Schedule 2 (reserved legal activities) so as to add any legal activity to the activities which are reserved legal activities for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may be made only on the recommendation of the Board.

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- (3) Schedule 6 makes provision about the making of recommendations for the purposes of this section.
- (4) Where a recommendation is made in relation to an activity, the Lord Chancellor must—
 - (a) consider the report containing the recommendation given to the Lord Chancellor under paragraph 16(3)(a) of that Schedule,
 - (b) decide whether or not to make an order under this section in respect of the activity, and
 - (c) publish a notice of that decision,within the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which the report was given to the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) Where the Lord Chancellor decides not to make an order under this section in respect of an activity, the notice under subsection (4)(c) must state the reasons for that decision.

Commencement Information

- I6** S. 24 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 24 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 24(3) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(b)(i); s. 24 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(i) (with art. 9)

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25 Provisional designation as approved regulators and licensing authorities **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, make provision—
 - (a) enabling applications to be made, considered and determined under Part 2 of Schedule 4 or Part 1 of Schedule 10 in relation to a provisional reserved activity, as if the activity were a reserved legal activity;
 - (b) enabling provisional designation orders to be made by the Lord Chancellor in respect of a provisional reserved activity, as if the activity were a reserved legal activity.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may, in particular, provide that Part 2 of Schedule 4 or Part 1 of Schedule 10 is to apply, in relation to such cases as may be specified by the order, with such modifications as may be so specified.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor may also, by order, make provision—
 - (a) for the purpose of enabling applications for authorisation to carry on an activity which is a provisional reserved activity to be made to and considered and determined by—
 - (i) a body in respect of which a provisional designation order is made, or
 - (ii) the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority;
 - (b) for the purpose of enabling persons to be deemed to be authorised to carry on an activity which is a new reserved legal activity by a relevant approved

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regulator in relation to the activity, or by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, for a period specified in the order.

(4) For this purpose—

“provisional reserved activity” means an activity in respect of which a provisional report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 6 states that the Board is minded to make a recommendation for the purposes of section 24;

“provisional designation order” means an order made by the Lord Chancellor under Part 2 of Schedule 4 or Part 1 of Schedule 10 which is conditional upon the Lord Chancellor making an order under section 24 in respect of the provisional reserved activity, pursuant to a recommendation made by the Board following the provisional report;

“new reserved legal activity” means a legal activity which has become a reserved legal activity by virtue of an order under section 24.

Commencement Information

- 17** S. 25 partly in force: s. 25 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 25 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#) (as amended (30.9.2011) by [S.I. 2011/2196](#), arts. 1(2), 5) and with [art. 9](#))

26 **Recommendations that activities should cease to be reserved legal activities** **E** **+W**

- (1) The Board may recommend that an activity should cease to be a reserved legal activity.
- (2) Schedule 6 makes provision about the making of recommendations for the purposes of this section.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor must consider any recommendation made by the Board for the purposes of this section (but nothing in section 208 (minor and consequential provision etc) authorises the Lord Chancellor to give effect to such a recommendation).
- (4) Where the Lord Chancellor disagrees with a recommendation (or any part of it), the Lord Chancellor must publish a notice to that effect which must include the Lord Chancellor's reasons for disagreeing.

Commencement Information

- 18** S. 26 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 26 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 26(2) in force at 1.1.2009 by [S.I. 2008/3149](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); s. 26 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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PART 4 **E+W**

REGULATION OF APPROVED REGULATORS

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Introductory

27 Regulatory and representative functions of approved regulators **E+W**

- (1) In this Act references to the “regulatory functions” of an approved regulator are to any functions the approved regulator has—
 - (a) under or in relation to its regulatory arrangements, or
 - (b) in connection with the making or alteration of those arrangements.
- (2) In this Act references to the “representative functions” of an approved regulator are to any functions the approved regulator has in connection with the representation, or promotion, of the interests of persons regulated by it.

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General duties of approved regulators

28 Approved regulator's duty to promote the regulatory objectives etc **E+W**

- (1) In discharging its regulatory functions (whether in connection with a reserved legal activity or otherwise) an approved regulator must comply with the requirements of this section.
- (2) The approved regulator must, so far as is reasonably practicable, act in a way—
 - (a) which is compatible with the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) which the approved regulator considers most appropriate for the purpose of meeting those objectives.
- (3) The approved regulator must have regard to—
 - (a) the principles under which regulatory activities should be transparent, accountable, proportionate, consistent and targeted only at cases in which action is needed, and
 - (b) any other principle appearing to it to represent the best regulatory practice.

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Separation of regulatory and representative functions

29 Prohibition on the Board interfering with representative functions **E+W**

- (1) Nothing in this Act authorises the Board to exercise its functions in relation to any representative function of an approved regulator.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not prevent the Board exercising its functions for the purpose of ensuring—
 - (a) that the exercise of an approved regulator's regulatory functions is not prejudiced by its representative functions, or
 - (b) that decisions relating to the exercise of an approved regulator's regulatory functions are, so far as reasonably practicable, taken independently from decisions relating to the exercise of its representative functions.

30 Rules relating to the exercise of regulatory functions **E+W**

- (1) The Board must make rules (“internal governance rules”) setting out requirements to be met by approved regulators for the purpose of ensuring—
 - (a) that the exercise of an approved regulator's regulatory functions is not prejudiced by its representative functions, and
 - (b) that decisions relating to the exercise of an approved regulator's regulatory functions are so far as reasonably practicable taken independently from decisions relating to the exercise of its representative functions.
- (2) The internal governance rules must require each approved regulator to have in place arrangements which ensure—
 - (a) that the persons involved in the exercise of its regulatory functions are, in that capacity, able to make representations to, be consulted by and enter into communications with the Board, the Consumer Panel, the OLC and other approved regulators, and
 - (b) that the exercise by those persons of those powers is not prejudiced by the approved regulator's representative functions and is, so far as reasonably practicable, independent from the exercise of those functions.
- (3) The internal governance rules must also require each approved regulator—
 - (a) to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that it provides such resources as are reasonably required for or in connection with the exercise of its regulatory functions;
 - (b) to make such provision as is necessary to enable persons involved in the exercise of its regulatory functions to be able to notify the Board where they consider that their independence or effectiveness is being prejudiced.
- (4) The first set of rules under this section must be made before the day appointed by the Lord Chancellor by order for the purposes of this section.

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Performance targets

31 Performance targets and monitoring **E+W**

- (1) The Board may—
 - (a) set one or more performance targets relating to the performance by an approved regulator of any of its regulatory functions, or
 - (b) direct an approved regulator to set one or more performance targets relating to the performance by the approved regulator of any of its regulatory functions,if the Board is satisfied that the conditions in subsection (2) are satisfied.
- (2) Those conditions are—
 - (a) that an act or omission of the approved regulator (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) that it is appropriate to take the action proposed under subsection (1) in all the circumstances of the case (including in particular the impact of taking the action on the other regulatory objectives).
- (3) A direction under subsection (1)(b) may impose conditions with which the performance targets must conform.
- (4) If the Board proposes to take action under this section in respect of an approved regulator it must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) describing the action it proposes to take,
 - (b) specifying the acts or omissions to which the proposed action relates and any other facts which, in the opinion of the Board, justify the taking of that action, and
 - (c) specifying the time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given) before which representations with respect to that action may be made.
- (5) Before taking action under this section, the Board must consider any representations which are duly made.
- (6) In exercising its regulatory functions, an approved regulator must seek to meet any performance target set for or by it under this section.
- (7) The Board must publish any target set or direction given by it under this section.
- (8) An approved regulator must publish any target set by it pursuant to a direction under subsection (1)(b).
- (9) The Board may take such steps as it regards as appropriate to monitor the extent to which any performance target set under this section is being, or has been, met.

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Directions

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32 Directions **E+W**

- (1) This section applies if the Board is satisfied—
 - (a) that an act or omission of an approved regulator (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives,
 - (b) that an approved regulator has failed to comply with any requirement imposed on it by or under this Act (including this section) or any other enactment, or
 - (c) that an approved regulator—
 - (i) has failed to ensure that the exercise of its regulatory functions is not prejudiced by any of its representative functions, or
 - (ii) has failed to ensure that decisions relating to the exercise of its regulatory functions are, so far as reasonably practicable, taken independently from decisions relating to the exercise of its representative functions.
- (2) If, in all the circumstances of the case, the Board is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, it may direct the approved regulator to take—
 - (a) in a case within subsection (1)(a), such steps as the Board considers will counter the adverse impact, mitigate its effect or prevent its occurrence or recurrence;
 - (b) in a case within subsection (1)(b) or (c), such steps as the Board considers will remedy the failure, mitigate its effect or prevent its recurrence.
- (3) In a case within subsection (1)(a), before giving a direction under subsection (2) the Board must in particular consider the impact of giving the direction on the other regulatory objectives.
- (4) A direction under subsection (2)—
 - (a) may only require an approved regulator to take steps which it has power to take;
 - (b) may require an approved regulator to take steps with a view to the modification of any part of its regulatory arrangements.
- (5) The Board may not exercise its powers under this section so as to give a direction requiring an approved regulator to take steps in respect of a specific disciplinary case or other specific regulatory proceedings (as opposed to all, or a specified class of, such cases or proceedings).
- (6) For the purposes of this section a direction to take steps includes a direction which requires an approved regulator to refrain from taking a particular course of action.

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- (7) The power to give a direction under this section is subject to any provision made by or under any other enactment.
- (8) The Board may take such steps as it regards as appropriate to monitor the extent to which a direction under this section is being, or has been, complied with.
- (9) Where the Board revokes a direction under this section, it must—
 - (a) give the approved regulator to whom the direction was given notice of the revocation, and
 - (b) publish that notice.

33 Directions: procedure **E+W**

Schedule 7 makes provision about the procedure which must be complied with before a direction is given under section 32.

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34 Enforcement of directions **E+W**

- (1) If at any time it appears to the Board that an approved regulator has failed to comply with a direction given under section 32, the Board may make an application to the High Court under this section.
- (2) If, on an application under this section, the High Court decides that the approved regulator has failed to comply with the direction in question, it may order the approved regulator to take such steps as the High Court directs for securing that the direction is complied with.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to any other powers conferred on the Board by this Part.

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Censure

35 Public censure **E+W**

- (1) This section applies if the Board is satisfied—
 - (a) that an act or omission of an approved regulator (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) that it is appropriate to act under this section in all the circumstances of the case (including in particular the impact of so acting on the other regulatory objectives).
- (2) The Board may publish a statement censuring the approved regulator for the act or omission (or series of acts or omissions).

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36 Public censure: procedure **E+W**

- (1) If the Board proposes to publish a statement under section 35 in respect of an approved regulator, it must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) stating that the Board proposes to publish such a statement and setting out the terms of the proposed statement,
 - (b) specifying the acts or omissions to which the proposed statement relates, and
 - (c) specifying the time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given to the approved regulator) before which representations with respect to the proposed statement may be made.
- (2) Before publishing the statement, the Board must consider any representations which are duly made.
- (3) Before varying any proposed statement set out in a notice under subsection (1)(a), the Board must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) setting out the proposed variation and the reasons for it, and
 - (b) specifying the time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given to the approved regulator) before which representations with respect to the proposed variation may be made.
- (4) Before varying the proposal, the Board must consider any representations which are duly made.

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Financial penalties

37 Financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) This section applies if the Board is satisfied—
 - (a) that an approved regulator has failed to comply with a requirement to which this section applies, and
 - (b) that, in all the circumstances of the case, it is appropriate to impose a financial penalty on the approved regulator.
- (2) This section applies to any requirement imposed on the approved regulator—
 - (a) by rules under section 30 (internal governance rules),
 - (b) by a direction given under section 32 (Board directions), or
 - (c) by section 51 (control of practising fees charged by approved regulators) or by rules under that section.
- (3) The Board may impose a penalty, in respect of the failure, of such an amount as it considers appropriate, but not exceeding the maximum amount prescribed under subsection (4).
- (4) The Board must make rules prescribing the maximum amount of a penalty which may be imposed under this section.

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- (5) Rules may be made only under subsection (4) with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (6) A penalty under this section is payable to the Board.
- (7) In sections 38 to 40 references to a “penalty” are to a penalty under this section.

Commencement Information

- 19** S. 37 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 37 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 37(4)(5) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(c)(i); s. 37 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (with art. 9)

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38 Financial penalties: procedure **E+W**

- (1) If the Board proposes to impose a penalty on an approved regulator, it must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) stating that the Board proposes to impose a penalty and the amount of the penalty proposed to be imposed,
 - (b) specifying the failure to which the proposed penalty relates,
 - (c) specifying the other facts which, in the Board's opinion, justify the imposition of a penalty and the amount of the penalty, and
 - (d) specifying the time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the notice is published under subsection (8)) before which representations with respect to the proposed penalty may be made.
- (2) Before imposing a penalty on an approved regulator, the Board must consider any representations which are duly made.
- (3) Where the Board proposes to vary the amount of a proposed penalty stated in a notice under subsection (1)(a), the Board must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) setting out the proposed variation and the reasons for it, and
 - (b) specifying the time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the notice is published under subsection (8)) before which representations with respect to the proposed variation may be made.
- (4) Before varying the proposal, the Board must consider any representations which are duly made.
- (5) As soon as practicable after imposing a penalty, the Board must give notice to the approved regulator—
 - (a) stating that it has imposed a penalty on the approved regulator and its amount,
 - (b) specifying the failure to which the penalty relates,
 - (c) specifying the other facts which, in the Board's opinion, justify the imposition of the penalty and its amount, and

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- (d) specifying a time (not being earlier than the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the notice is given to the approved regulator), before which the penalty is required to be paid.
- (6) The approved regulator may, within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which it is given the notice under subsection (5), make an application to the Board for it to specify different times by which different portions of the penalty are to be paid.
- (7) If an application is made under subsection (6) in relation to a penalty, the penalty is not required to be paid until the application has been determined.
- (8) The Board must publish any notice given under this section.

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39 Appeals against financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) An approved regulator on whom a penalty is imposed may appeal to the court on one or more of the appeal grounds.
- (2) The appeal grounds are—
 - (a) that the imposition of the penalty was not within the power of the Board under section 37;
 - (b) that any of the requirements of section 38 have not been complied with in relation to the imposition of the penalty and the interests of the approved regulator have been substantially prejudiced by the non-compliance;
 - (c) that the amount of the penalty is unreasonable;
 - (d) that it was unreasonable of the Board to require the penalty imposed or any portion of it to be paid by the time or times by which it was required to be paid.
- (3) An appeal under subsection (1) must be made—
 - (a) within the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the notice under section 38(5) is given to the approved regulator in respect of the penalty, or
 - (b) where the appeal relates to a decision of the Board on an application by the approved regulator under section 38(6), within the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the approved regulator is notified of the decision.
- (4) On any such appeal, where the court considers it appropriate to do so in all the circumstances of the case and is satisfied of one or more of the appeal grounds, the court may—
 - (a) quash the penalty,
 - (b) substitute a penalty of such lesser amount as the court considers appropriate, or
 - (c) in the case of the appeal ground in subsection (2)(d), substitute for any time imposed by the Board a different time or times.

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- (5) Where the court substitutes a penalty of a lesser amount it may require the payment of interest on the substituted penalty at such rate, and from such time, as it considers just and equitable.
- (6) Where the court specifies as a time by which the penalty, or a portion of the penalty, is to be paid a time before the determination of the appeal under this section, it may require the payment of interest on the penalty, or portion, from that time at such rate as it considers just and equitable.
- (7) Except as provided by this section, the validity of a penalty is not to be questioned by any legal proceedings whatever.
- (8) In this section “the court” means the High Court.

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40 Recovery of financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) If the whole or any part of a penalty is not paid by the time by which it is required to be paid, the unpaid balance from time to time carries interest at the rate for the time being specified in section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838 (c. 110).
- (2) If an appeal is made under section 39 in relation to a penalty, the penalty is not required to be paid until the appeal has been determined or withdrawn.
- (3) If the Board grants an application under subsection (6) of section 38 in relation to a penalty but any portion of the penalty is not paid by the time specified in relation to it by the Board under that subsection, the Board may where it considers it appropriate require so much of the penalty as has not already been paid to be paid immediately.
- (4) Where a penalty, or any portion of it, has not been paid by the time when it is required to be paid and—
 - (a) no appeal relating to the penalty has been made under section 39 during the period within which such an appeal can be made, or
 - (b) an appeal has been made under that section and determined or withdrawn, the Board may recover from the approved regulator, as a debt due to the Board, any of the penalty and any interest which has not been paid.

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Intervention

41 Intervention directions **E+W**

- (1) The Board may give an approved regulator an intervention direction in relation to any of the approved regulator's regulatory functions if the Board is satisfied—

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- (a) that an act or omission of an approved regulator (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) that it is appropriate to give the intervention direction in all the circumstances of the case (including in particular the impact of giving the direction on the other regulatory objectives).
- (2) An intervention direction, in relation to a regulatory function of an approved regulator, is a direction—
- (a) that the regulatory function is to be exercised by the Board or a person nominated by it, and
 - (b) that the approved regulator must comply with any instructions of the Board or its nominee in relation to the exercise of the function.
- (3) The Board may not determine that it is appropriate to give an intervention direction unless it is satisfied that the matter cannot be adequately addressed by the Board exercising the powers available to it under sections 31 to 40.
- (4) Part 1 of Schedule 8 makes provision about the procedure which must be complied with before an intervention direction is given and the manner in which such a direction is to be given.
- (5) The Board must make rules as to the persons it may nominate for the purposes of subsection (2)(a).

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42 Intervention directions: further provision **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an intervention direction has effect in respect of a function of an approved regulator (“the relevant function”).
- (2) The approved regulator must give the specified person all such assistance, in connection with the proposed exercise of the relevant function by the specified person in pursuance of the direction, as the approved regulator is reasonably able to give.
- (3) On an application by the specified person (or a person appointed by the specified person to act on its behalf) a judge of the High Court, Circuit judge or justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising that person to—
 - (a) enter and search the premises of the approved regulator, and
 - (b) take possession of any written or electronic records found on the premises.
- (4) The person so authorised may, for the purpose of the exercise by the specified person of the relevant function, take copies of written or electronic records found on a search carried out by virtue of the warrant.

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- (5) The judge or justice of the peace may not issue the warrant unless satisfied that its issue is necessary or desirable for the exercise by the specified person of the relevant function.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor must make regulations—
 - (a) specifying further matters which a judge or justice of the peace must be satisfied of, or matters which a judge or justice of the peace must have regard to, before issuing a warrant, and
 - (b) regulating the exercise of a power conferred by a warrant issued under subsection (3) or by subsection (4) (whether by restricting the circumstances in which a power may be exercised, by specifying conditions to be complied with in the exercise of a power, or otherwise).
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6)(b) must in particular make provision as to the circumstances in which written or electronic records of which a person has taken possession by virtue of a warrant issued under subsection (3) may be copied or must be returned.
- (8) But the Lord Chancellor may not make regulations under subsection (6) unless—
 - (a) they are made in accordance with a recommendation made by the Board, or
 - (b) the Lord Chancellor has consulted the Board about the making of the regulations.
- (9) In this section “the specified person” means the Board or, where a person is nominated by it as mentioned in section 41(2), that person.
- (10) The Board must make rules as to the persons a specified person may appoint for the purposes of subsection (3).

Commencement Information

- III** S. 42 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 42 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 42(6)-(10) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(c)(i); s. 42 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (with art. 9)

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43 Intervention directions: enforcement **E+W**

- (1) If at any time it appears to the Board that an approved regulator has failed to comply with an obligation imposed on it by, or by virtue of, an intervention direction or section 42(2), the Board may make an application to the High Court under this section.
- (2) If, on an application under subsection (1), the High Court decides that the approved regulator has failed to comply with the obligation in question, it may order the approved regulator to take such steps as the High Court directs for securing that the obligation is complied with.
- (3) This section is without prejudice to any other powers conferred on the Board by this Part.

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44 **Revocation of intervention directions** **E+W**

- (1) An intervention direction has effect until such time as it is revoked by the Board (whether on the application of the approved regulator or otherwise).
- (2) Part 2 of Schedule 8 makes provision about the procedure which must be complied with before an intervention direction is revoked and the manner in which notice of the revocation is to be given.

Commencement Information

I12 S. 44 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 44 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 44(2) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(c)(i); s. 44 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (with art. 9)

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Cancellation of approval

45 **Cancellation of designation as approved regulator** **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order cancel a body's designation as an approved regulator—
 - (a) in relation to all the reserved legal activities in relation to which it is an approved regulator, or
 - (b) in relation to one or more, but not all, of those reserved legal activities, with effect from a date specified in the order.
- (2) But the Lord Chancellor may only make an order under subsection (1) in accordance with a recommendation made by the Board under subsection (3) or (5).
- (3) The Board must recommend that an order is made cancelling a body's designation as an approved regulator in relation to one or more reserved legal activities, if—
 - (a) the body applies to the Board for such a recommendation to be made,
 - (b) the application is made in such form and manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Board, and is accompanied by the prescribed fee, and
 - (c) the body publishes a notice giving details of the application in accordance with such requirements as may be specified in rules made by the Board.
- (4) In this section “the prescribed fee”, in relation to an application, means the fee specified in, or determined in accordance with, rules made by the Board, with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) The Board may recommend that an order is made cancelling a body's designation as an approved regulator in relation to one or more reserved legal activities if it is satisfied—
 - (a) that an act or omission of an approved regulator (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives, and

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- (b) that it is appropriate to cancel the body's designation in relation to the activity or activities in question in all the circumstances of the case (including in particular the impact of cancelling the designation on the other regulatory objectives).
- (6) The Board may not determine that it is appropriate to cancel a body's designation in relation to an activity or activities unless it is satisfied that the matter cannot be adequately addressed by the Board exercising the powers available to it under sections 31 to 43.
- (7) Schedule 9 makes further provision about the making of recommendations under subsection (5).
- (8) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to make an order in response to a recommendation made under subsection (3) or (5), the Lord Chancellor must give the Board notice of the decision and the reasons for it.
- (9) The Lord Chancellor must publish a notice given under subsection (8).
- (10) The Board may not make a recommendation under subsection (5) in respect of a body's designation as an approved regulator in relation to a reserved legal activity at any time when, by virtue of Part 2 of Schedule 5 (protection of rights during a transitional period), any person is being treated as authorised by the body to carry on that activity.

Commencement Information

- 113** S. 45 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 45 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 45(3)(b)(c)(4) (7) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(c)(i); s. 45 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (with art. 9)

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46 Cancellation of designation: further provision **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a body (“the former regulator”) has its designation in relation to one or more reserved legal activities cancelled by an order under section 45.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may by order make—
- (a) such modifications of provisions made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any enactment passed after this Act), prerogative instrument or other instrument or document, and
 - (b) such transitional or consequential provision,
- as the Lord Chancellor considers necessary or expedient in consequence of the cancellation.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, make transfer arrangements.
- (4) “Transfer arrangements” are arrangements in accordance with which each person authorised by the former regulator who consents to the arrangements is, from the time the cancellation takes effect, treated as being authorised to carry on each protected activity by either—

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- (a) a relevant approved regulator, in relation to the protected activity, who consents to the transfer arrangements, or
 - (b) the Board acting in its capacity as a relevant approved regulator in relation to the protected activity by virtue of an order made under section 62.
- (5) The transfer arrangements—
- (a) must make such provision as is necessary to ensure that, where a person is treated under those arrangements as being authorised to carry on a protected activity by the new regulator, that person is subject to the regulatory arrangements of the new regulator;
 - (b) may make provision requiring amounts held by the former regulator which represent amounts paid to it by way of practising fees by the persons to whom the transfer arrangements apply (or a part of the amounts so held) to be paid to the new regulator and treated as if they were amounts paid by those persons by way of practising fees to the new regulator.
- (6) Subsection (5)(a) is subject to any transitional provision which may be made by the transfer arrangements, including provision modifying the regulatory arrangements of the new regulator as they apply to persons to whom the transfer arrangements apply.
- (7) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under this section only if—
- (a) the Board has made a recommendation in accordance with section 47, and
 - (b) the order is in the same form as, or in a form which is not materially different from, the draft order annexed to that recommendation.
- (8) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a person is “authorised by the former regulator” if immediately before the time the cancellation takes effect the person is authorised by the former regulator (other than by virtue of a licence under Part 5) to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity to which the cancellation relates, and
 - (b) in relation to that person—
 - (i) the activity which that person is authorised to carry on as mentioned in paragraph (a) is a “protected activity”, and
 - (ii) “the new regulator” means the approved regulator within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (4).
- (9) In this section “practising fee”, in relation to an approved regulator, means a fee payable by a person under the approved regulator's regulatory arrangements in circumstances where the payment of the fee is a condition which must be satisfied for that person to be authorised by the approved regulator to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities.
- (10) But for the purposes of this section “practising fee” does not include a fee payable by a licensed body to its licensing authority under licensing rules.

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47 The Board's power to recommend orders made under section 46 **E+W**

- (1) The Board may recommend to the Lord Chancellor that the Lord Chancellor make an order under section 46 in the form of a draft order prepared by the Board and annexed to the recommendation.
- (2) Before making a recommendation under this section, the Board must publish a draft of—
 - (a) the proposed recommendation, and
 - (b) the proposed draft order.
- (3) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the Board within a specified period.
- (4) Before making the recommendation, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (5) If the draft order to be annexed to the recommendation differs from the draft published under subsection (2)(b) in a way which in the opinion of the Board is material, the Board must, before making the recommendation, publish the draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.

48 Cancellation of designation: powers of entry etc **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a body (“the former regulator”) has its designation in relation to one or more reserved legal activities cancelled by an order under section 45.
- (2) The Board may request the former regulator to provide assistance to the new regulator and the Board, for the purpose of continuing regulation.
- (3) On an application by a person appointed by the Board to act on its behalf, a judge of the High Court, Circuit judge or justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising that person to—
 - (a) enter and search the premises of the former regulator, and
 - (b) take possession of any written or electronic records found on the premises.
- (4) A person so authorised may, for the purpose of continuing regulation, take copies of written or electronic records found on a search carried out by virtue of the warrant.
- (5) The judge or justice of the peace may not issue the warrant unless satisfied that its issue is necessary or desirable for the purpose of continuing regulation.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor must make regulations—
 - (a) specifying further matters which a judge or justice of the peace must be satisfied of, or matters which a judge or justice of the peace must have regard to, before issuing a warrant, and
 - (b) regulating the exercise of a power conferred by a warrant issued under subsection (3) or by subsection (4) (whether by restricting the circumstances

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in which a power may be exercised, by specifying conditions to be complied with in the exercise of a power, or otherwise).

- (7) Regulations under subsection (6)(b) must in particular make provision as to circumstances in which written or electronic records of which a person has taken possession by virtue of a warrant issued under subsection (3) may be copied or must be returned.
- (8) But the Lord Chancellor may not make regulations under subsection (6) unless—
- (a) they are made in accordance with a recommendation made by the Board, or
 - (b) the Lord Chancellor has consulted the Board about the making of the regulations.
- (9) The Board must make rules as to the persons it may appoint for the purposes of subsection (3).
- (10) For the purposes of this section—
- “authorised by the former regulator”, “protected activity” and “new regulator” have the same meaning as for the purposes of section 46;
- “the purpose of continuing regulation” means the purpose of enabling persons authorised by the former regulator to continue to be authorised and regulated in relation to the protected activity.

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- I14** S. 48 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 48 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 48(6)-(9) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(c)(i); s. 48 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (with art. 9)

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Policy statements

49 The Board's policy statements E+W

- (1) The Board must prepare and issue a statement of policy with respect to the exercise of its functions under—
- (a) section 31 (performance targets and monitoring);
 - (b) section 32 (directions);
 - (c) section 35 (public censure);
 - (d) section 37 (financial penalties);
 - (e) section 41 (intervention directions);
 - (f) section 45 (cancellation of designation as approved regulator);
 - (g) section 76 (cancellation of designation as licensing authority by order).
- (2) The Board may prepare and issue a statement of policy with respect to any other matter.
- (3) In preparing a statement of policy, the Board must have regard to the principle that its principal role is the oversight of approved regulators.

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- (4) The statement of policy prepared under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) take account of the desirability of resolving informally matters which arise between the Board and an approved regulator, and
 - (b) specify how, in exercising the functions mentioned in that subsection, the Board will comply with the requirements of section 3(3) (regulatory activities to be proportionate, consistent and targeted only at cases in which action is needed, etc),and, in preparing that statement, the Board must have regard to the principle that the Board should not exercise any of those functions by reason of an act or omission of an approved regulator unless the act or omission was unreasonable.
- (5) The Board's policy in determining what the amount of a penalty under section 37 should be must include having regard to—
 - (a) the seriousness of the failure in question, and
 - (b) the extent to which it was deliberate or reckless.
- (6) The Board may at any time alter or replace any statement issued under this section.
- (7) If a statement is altered or replaced, the Board must issue the altered or replacement statement.
- (8) In exercising or deciding whether to exercise any of its functions, the Board must have regard to any relevant policy statement published under this section.
- (9) The Board must publish a statement issued under this section.
- (10) The Board may make a reasonable charge for providing a person with a copy of a statement.

50 Policy statements: procedure **E+W**

- (1) Before issuing a statement under section 49, the Board must publish a draft of the proposed statement.
- (2) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the Board within a specified period.
- (3) Before issuing the statement, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (4) If the statement differs from the draft published under subsection (1) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Board, material, the Board must publish details of the differences.
- (5) The Board may make a reasonable charge for providing a person with a copy of a draft published under subsection (1).

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Practising fees

51 Control of practising fees charged by approved regulators E+W

- (1) In this section “practising fee”, in relation to an approved regulator, means a fee payable by a person under the approved regulator's regulatory arrangements in circumstances where the payment of the fee is a condition which must be satisfied for that person to be authorised by the approved regulator to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities.
- (2) An approved regulator may only apply amounts raised by practising fees for one or more of the permitted purposes.
- (3) The Board must make rules specifying the permitted purposes.
- (4) Those rules must, in particular, provide that the following are permitted purposes—
 - (a) the regulation, accreditation, education and training of relevant authorised persons and those wishing to become such persons, including—
 - (i) the maintaining and raising of their professional standards, and
 - (ii) the giving of practical support, and advice about practice management, in relation to practices carried on by such persons;
 - (b) the payment of a levy imposed on the approved regulator under section 173;
 - (c) the participation by the approved regulator in law reform and the legislative process;
 - (d) the provision by relevant authorised persons, and those wishing to become relevant authorised persons, of reserved legal services, immigration advice or immigration services to the public free of charge;
 - (e) the promotion of the protection by law of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (f) the promotion of relations between the approved regulator and relevant national or international bodies, governments or the legal professions of other jurisdictions.
- (5) A practising fee is payable under the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator only if the Board has approved the level of the fee.
- (6) The Board must make rules containing provision—
 - (a) about the form and manner in which applications for approval for the purposes of subsection (5) must be made and the material which must accompany such applications;
 - (b) requiring applicants to have consulted such persons as may be prescribed by the rules in such manner as may be so prescribed before such an application is made;
 - (c) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the Board when determining whether to approve the level of a fee for the purposes of subsection (5).
- (7) Rules under subsection (6)(c) must, in particular, contain—

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- (a) provision requiring the Board, before it determines an application for approval of the level of a fee, to consult such persons as it considers appropriate about the impact of the proposed fee on persons providing non-commercial legal services;
 - (b) provision about the time limit for the determining of an application.
- (8) In this section “relevant authorised persons”, in relation to an approved regulator, means persons who are authorised by the approved regulator to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities.

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Regulatory conflict

52 Regulatory conflict with approved regulators **E+W**

- (1) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator must make such provision as is reasonably practicable to prevent regulatory conflicts.
- (2) For the purposes of this section and section 53, a regulatory conflict is a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of the approved regulator's regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of another approved regulator.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where a body is authorised by an approved regulator (“the entity regulator”) to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (4) If a conflict arises between—
 - (a) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of the entity regulator, in relation to the body authorised by the entity regulator or an employee or manager of the body (“an entity requirement”), and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of another approved regulator in relation to an employee or manager of the body who is authorised by it to carry on a reserved legal activity (“an individual requirement”),the entity requirement prevails over the individual requirement.

53 Modification of provision made about regulatory conflict **E+W**

- (1) An approved regulator (“the applicant regulator”) may make an application under this section if it considers that the regulatory arrangements of another approved regulator (“the conflicting regulator”) do not make appropriate provision to prevent a regulatory conflict with the applicant regulator.

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- (2) An application under this section is an application made to the Board for the Board to exercise its powers under section 32 to direct the conflicting regulator—
 - (a) to take steps to modify, in such manner as may be specified in the direction, the provision made by its regulatory arrangements to prevent a regulatory conflict with the applicant regulator, or
 - (b) if its regulatory arrangements do not make any such provision, to make such provision as may be specified in the direction to prevent such a conflict.
- (3) An approved regulator must consider any request made by an affected person—
 - (a) for the approved regulator to reconsider the provision made by its regulatory arrangements to prevent a regulatory conflict with another approved regulator, or
 - (b) for the approved regulator to make an application under this section.
- (4) An “affected person”, in relation to an approved regulator, means—
 - (a) a person authorised by the approved regulator to carry on a reserved legal activity;
 - (b) an employee or manager of such a person.
- (5) Where an application is made under this section, the Board—
 - (a) must give the applicant regulator and the conflicting regulator an opportunity to make representations, and
 - (b) may consult any persons it considers appropriate.
- (6) The Board must decide whether or not to give a warning notice in response to the application.
- (7) The Board must make that decision before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the application is received by it.
- (8) The Board must give notice of its decision, and the reasons for it, to the applicant regulator and the conflicting regulator.
- (9) For the purposes of this section “warning notice” means a notice given under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 7 (warning of proposed direction under section 32).

54 Regulatory conflict with other regulatory regimes E+W

- (1) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator must make such provision as is reasonably practicable and, in all the circumstances, appropriate—
 - (a) to prevent external regulatory conflicts,
 - (b) to provide for the resolution of any external regulatory conflicts which arise, and
 - (c) to prevent unnecessary duplication of regulatory provisions made by an external regulatory body.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, an external regulatory conflict is a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of the approved regulator, and
 - (b) a requirement of any regulatory provision made by an external regulatory body.

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- (3) For this purpose “external regulatory body” means a person (other than an approved regulator) who exercises regulatory functions in relation to a particular description of persons with a view to ensuring compliance with rules (whether statutory or non-statutory) by those persons.
- (4) Regulatory arrangements made for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) may, with the consent of the Board, provide for the Board to exercise functions in connection with the resolution of conflicts.

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Information

55 Provision of information to the Board **E+W**

- (1) The Board may, by notice, require an approved regulator—
 - (a) to provide any information, or information of a description, specified in the notice, or
 - (b) to produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1)—
 - (a) may specify the manner and form in which any information is to be provided;
 - (b) must specify the period within which any information is to be provided or document is to be produced;
 - (c) may require any information to be provided, or document to be produced, to the Board or to a person specified in the notice.
- (3) The Board may, by notice, require a person representing the approved regulator to attend at a time and place specified in the notice to provide an explanation of any information provided or document produced under this section.
- (4) The Board may pay to any person such reasonable costs as may be incurred by that person in connection with—
 - (a) the provision of any information, or the production of any document, by that person pursuant to a notice under subsection (1), or
 - (b) that person's compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (3).
- (5) The Board, or a person specified under subsection (2)(c), may take copies of or extracts from a document produced pursuant to a notice under subsection (1).
- (6) For the purposes of this section and section 56, references to an approved regulator include a body which was, but is no longer, an approved regulator.

56 Enforcement of notices under section 55 **E+W**

- (1) Where an approved regulator is unable to comply with a notice given to it under section 55(1), it must give the Board a notice to that effect stating the reasons why it cannot comply.
- (2) If an approved regulator refuses, or otherwise fails, to comply with a notice under section 55(1), the Board may apply to the High Court for an order requiring the

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approved regulator to comply with the notice or with such directions for the like purpose as may be contained in the order.

- (3) This section applies in relation to a person to whom a notice is given under section 55(3) as it applies in relation to an approved regulator to whom a notice is given under section 55(1).

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Competition

57 Reports by the OFT **E+W**

- (1) If the OFT is of the opinion that the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator (or any part of them) prevent, restrict or distort competition within the market for reserved legal services to any significant extent, or are likely to do so, the OFT may prepare a report to that effect.
- (2) A report under subsection (1)—
 - (a) must state what, in the OFT's opinion, is the effect, or likely effect, on competition of the regulatory arrangements or part of them to which the report relates, and
 - (b) may contain recommendations as to the action which the Board should take for the purpose of ensuring that the regulatory arrangements of the approved regulator do not prevent, restrict or distort competition.
- (3) Where the OFT makes a report under subsection (1), it must—
 - (a) give a copy of the report to the Board, the Consumer Panel and the approved regulator, and
 - (b) publish the report.
- (4) Before publishing a report under subsection (3)(b), the OFT must, so far as practicable, exclude any matter which relates to the private affairs of a particular individual the publication of which, in the opinion of the OFT, would or might seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that individual.
- (5) The OFT may exercise any of the powers conferred on it by section 174(3) to (5) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) (investigation powers) for the purpose of assisting it in exercising its functions under this section.
- (6) For the purposes of the law of defamation, absolute privilege attaches to any report of the OFT under this section.

58 The Board's response to OFT report **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a report is made by the OFT under section 57 in respect of an approved regulator.
- (2) The Board must allow the approved regulator a period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the copy of the report is given to the approved regulator under section 57, or such longer period as the Board may specify in a particular case, to make representations to the Board about the OFT's report.

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- (3) The Consumer Panel may give the Board such advice as the Consumer Panel thinks fit regarding the OFT's report.
- (4) Having considered any representations made under subsection (2) and any advice given under subsection (3), the Board must notify the OFT of the action (if any) it proposes to take in response to the report.

59 Referral of report by the Lord Chancellor to the Competition Commission E +W

- (1) This section applies where the OFT is satisfied that the Board has failed to give full and proper consideration to a report made by the OFT, in respect of an approved regulator, under section 57.
- (2) The OFT may give a copy of its report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (3) The OFT must notify the Board and the approved regulator if it gives a copy of its report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) On receiving a report under subsection (2), the Lord Chancellor must—
 - (a) give the Competition Commission a copy of the report, and
 - (b) seek its advice on what action (if any) should be taken by the Lord Chancellor under section 61.

60 Duties of the Competition Commission E+W

- (1) Where the Lord Chancellor seeks the advice of the Competition Commission under section 59, the Commission must investigate the matter.
- (2) The Commission must then make its own report on the matter unless it considers that, as a result of any change of circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by a report.
- (3) If the Commission decides in accordance with subsection (2) not to make a report, it must make a statement setting out the change of circumstances which resulted in that decision.
- (4) The Commission must comply with subsection (2) or (3) within the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which it receives a copy of the OFT's report under section 59(4)(a).
- (5) A report made under this section must state the Commission's conclusion as to whether any of the matters which is the subject of the report has or is likely to have the effect of preventing, restricting or distorting competition within the market for reserved legal services to a significant extent.
- (6) A report under this section stating the Commission's conclusion that there is, or is likely to be, such an effect must also—
 - (a) state whether or not the Commission considers that that effect is justified, and
 - (b) if it states that the Commission considers that it is not justified, state its conclusion as to what action, if any, ought to be taken by the Board.

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- (7) When determining under subsection (6)(b) any action to be taken by the Board, the Commission must ensure—
- (a) that the action stated is action which the Board has power to take, and
 - (b) so far as reasonably possible, that the action stated is compatible with the functions conferred, and obligations imposed, on the Board by or under this Act.
- (8) A report under this section must contain such an account of the Commission's reasons for its conclusions as is expedient, in the opinion of the Commission, for facilitating proper understanding of them.
- (9) Sections 109 to 115 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) (investigation powers) apply in relation to an investigation under this section as they apply in relation to an investigation made on a reference made to the Commission under Part 3 of that Act (mergers), but as if—
- (a) in section 110(4) of that Act, the reference to the publication of the report of the Commission on the reference concerned were a reference to the Commission making a report under subsection (2) or a statement under subsection (3), and
 - (b) in section 111(5)(b)(ii) of that Act the day referred to were the day on which the Commission makes that report or statement.
- (10) If the Commission makes a report or a statement under this section it must—
- (a) give a copy to the Lord Chancellor, the Board, the Consumer Panel and the approved regulator to which the OFT's report relates, and
 - (b) publish the report or statement.

61 Lord Chancellor's power to give directions **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may direct the Board to take such action as the Lord Chancellor considers appropriate in connection with any matter raised in a report made by the OFT under section 57.
- (2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1), the Lord Chancellor must consider any report from the Competition Commission under section 60 on that matter.
- (3) When exercising the power to give a direction under subsection (1), the Lord Chancellor must ensure—
 - (a) that the action stated is action which the Board has power to take, and
 - (b) so far as reasonably possible, that the action stated in any direction is compatible with the functions conferred, and obligations imposed, on the Board by or under this Act.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor must publish a direction given under this section.

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The Board as approved regulator

62 The Board as an approved regulator **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order—
 - (a) designate the Board as an approved regulator in relation to one or more reserved legal activities;
 - (b) modify the functions of the Board, and make such other provision relating to those functions as the Lord Chancellor considers necessary or expedient, with a view to enabling the Board to discharge its functions as an approved regulator effectively and efficiently;
 - (c) cancel the Board's designation as an approved regulator in relation to one or more reserved legal activities.
- (2) But the Lord Chancellor may make an order under subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) the Board has made a recommendation in accordance with section 66, and
 - (b) the order is in the same form as, or in a form which is not materially different from, the draft order annexed to that recommendation.
- (3) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to make an order pursuant to a recommendation made under section 66, the Lord Chancellor must—
 - (a) give the Board a notice stating the reasons for that decision, and
 - (b) publish the notice.
- (4) In discharging its functions as an approved regulator the Board must take such steps as are necessary to ensure an appropriate financial and organisational separation between the activities of the Board that relate to the carrying out of those functions and the other activities of the Board.
- (5) An order under this section may make such modifications of provision made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any Act passed after this Act) as the Lord Chancellor considers necessary or expedient.

63 The Board's designation under section 62(1)(a) **E+W**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an order under section 62(1)(a) (an order designating the Board as an approved regulator).
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the order may designate the Board as an approved regulator in relation to a reserved legal activity only where—
 - (a) a body's designation as an approved regulator in relation to the activity is cancelled under section 45, or
 - (b) the activity becomes a reserved legal activity by virtue of an order under section 24.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent the order having effect in advance of an event within paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection for the purpose of enabling the Board to authorise persons to carry on activities which constitute the reserved legal activity in question with effect from the occurrence of the event.

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- (4) The order must ensure that the Board, acting as an approved regulator, may make regulatory arrangements or modify its regulatory arrangements only with the approval of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as an approved regulator or as a licensing authority under Part 5).

64 Modification of the Board's functions under section 62(1)(b) E+W

- (1) This section applies in relation to an order under section 62(1)(b) (an order modifying the functions of the Board).
- (2) The order may include (among other things) provision conferring on the Board powers to do any of the following—
- (a) to authorise (otherwise than by the grant of a licence under Part 5) persons or any category of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities in relation to which the Board is designated as an approved regulator;
 - (b) to make qualification regulations;
 - (c) to make provision as to the educational, training and other requirements to be met by regulated persons who are not relevant authorised persons;
 - (d) to make practice rules and conduct rules;
 - (e) to make disciplinary arrangements in relation to regulated persons (including discipline rules);
 - (f) to make rules requiring the payment of fees specified in or determined in accordance with the rules;
 - (g) to make indemnification arrangements;
 - (h) to make compensation arrangements;
 - (i) to make rules as to the treatment of money (including money held in trust) which is received, held or dealt with for clients, or other persons, by regulated persons, and as to the keeping by such persons of accounts in respect of such money;
 - (j) to take steps for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the provisions of rules or regulations made, or any code or guidance issued, by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator are being complied with, and to make rules requiring relevant authorised persons to produce documents and provide information for that purpose;
 - (k) to delegate any of the functions exercisable by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator to such persons as it considers appropriate;
 - (l) to make regulations or rules providing for appeals to the High Court or another body against decisions made by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator (including regulations or rules providing for a decision on such an appeal to be final and for orders as to payment of costs).
- (3) The order may—
- (a) provide for any provision of Schedule 14 (licensing authority's powers of intervention)—
 - (i) to apply in relation to the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) and regulated persons as it applies in relation to a licensing authority and licensed bodies (or managers or employees of such bodies), or
 - (ii) to so apply with such modifications as are prescribed by the order, or

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- (b) make provision, in relation to the Board (in that capacity) and regulated persons, corresponding to any of the provisions made, in relation to licensing authorities and licensed bodies (or managers or employees of such bodies), by that Schedule.
- (4) For the purposes of giving effect to indemnification arrangements and compensation arrangements, the order may authorise the Board to make rules—
- (a) authorising or requiring the Board to establish and maintain a fund or funds;
 - (b) authorising or requiring the Board to take out and maintain insurance with authorised insurers;
 - (c) requiring relevant authorised persons or relevant authorised persons of any specific description to take out and maintain insurance with authorised insurers.
- (5) In this section—
- “authorised insurer” means a person within any of the following paragraphs—
- (a) a person who has permission under Part 4 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8) to effect or carry out contracts of insurance of a relevant class;
 - (b) an EEA firm (within the meaning of that Act) of the kind mentioned in paragraph 5(d) of Schedule 3 to that Act, which has permission under paragraph 15 of that Schedule (as a result of qualifying for authorisation under paragraph 12 of that Schedule) to effect or carry out contracts of a relevant class;
 - (c) a person who does not fall within paragraph (a) or (b) and who may lawfully effect or carry out contracts of insurance of a relevant class in a member State other than the United Kingdom;
- “regulated person” has the meaning given by section 21;
- “relevant authorised person” means a person authorised by the Board (other than by the grant of a licence under Part 5) to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a contract of insurance is of a relevant class if it insures against a risk arising from accident, credit, legal expenses, general liability to third parties, sickness, suretyship or miscellaneous financial loss, and
 - (b) the definition of “authorised insurer” in subsection (5) must be read with section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and any relevant order under that section, and with Schedule 2 to that Act.

Commencement Information

I16 S. 64 partly in force; s. 64 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 64(1)(2)(4)(5)(6) in force at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (subject to art. 3(2) (as amended (30.9.2011) by S.I. 2011/2196, arts. 1(2), 5) and with art. 9)

65 Cancellation of the Board's designation under section 62(1)(c) **E+W**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an order under section 62(1)(c) (cancellation of Board's designation as an approved regulator).

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(2) Where such an order is made, section 46 (other than subsection (4)(b)) and section 47 (transfer arrangements etc on cancellation of approved regulator's designation) apply in relation to the Board and relevant authorised persons as they apply to an approved regulator whose designation is cancelled under section 45 and persons authorised by that approved regulator to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities.

(3) In this section “relevant authorised persons” has the same meaning as in section 64.

66 The Board's power to recommend orders made under section 62 **E+W**

(1) The Board may recommend to the Lord Chancellor that the Lord Chancellor make an order under section 62 in the form of a draft order prepared by the Board and annexed to the recommendation.

(2) Before making a recommendation under this section, the Board must give each of the persons listed in subsection (3) a notice containing—

- (a) a copy of the proposed recommendation,
- (b) a copy of the proposed draft order, and
- (c) a statement specifying a period within which representations may be made about the proposals.

(3) Those persons are—

- (a) the Lord Chancellor,
- (b) the OFT,
- (c) the Consumer Panel,
- (d) the Lord Chief Justice, and
- (e) such other persons as the Board considers it reasonable to consult regarding the proposals.

(4) The Board must publish a notice given under subsection (2).

(5) Before making the recommendation, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made (whether by persons within subsection (3) or otherwise).

(6) If the draft order to be annexed to the recommendation differs from the draft contained in the notice under subsection (2) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Board, material, the Board must, before making the recommendation, publish the draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.

67 Effect of the Board's designation as an approved regulator **E+W**

(1) The powers of the Board under sections 31 to 51 and 55 (regulatory powers in respect of approved regulators) are not exercisable by it in relation to the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator.

(2) In section 53 references to an approved regulator do not include the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator.

(3) Sections 57 to 61 (reports by OFT etc) do not apply in relation to the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator.

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68 Regulatory conflict and the Board as approved regulator **E+W**

- (1) An approved regulator may make a request under subsection (4) if it considers that the regulatory arrangements of the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) do not make appropriate provision to prevent a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of those regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of the approved regulator.
- (2) An affected person in relation to an approved regulator may request the approved regulator to exercise its powers under subsection (1).
- (3) An affected person in relation to the Board may make a request under subsection (4) if the person considers that the regulatory arrangements of the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) do not make appropriate provision to prevent a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of those regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator.
- (4) The request is a request made to the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) that it reconsider the provision made by its regulatory arrangements to prevent a regulatory conflict with the conflicting regulator.
- (5) An affected person in relation to the Board may make an application under subsection (6) if the person considers that the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator do not make appropriate provision to prevent a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of those regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator).
- (6) The application is an application to the Board for it to exercise its powers under section 32 to direct the approved regulator—
 - (a) to take steps to modify, in such manner as may be specified in the direction, the provision made by its regulatory arrangements to prevent a regulatory conflict with the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator), or
 - (b) if its regulatory arrangements do not make any such provision, to make such provision as may be specified in the direction to prevent such a conflict.
- (7) An affected person in relation to an approved regulator (other than the Board) may make a request under subsection (8) if the person considers that the regulatory arrangements of the approved regulator do not make appropriate provision to prevent a conflict between—
 - (a) a requirement of those regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) a requirement of the regulatory arrangements of the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator).
- (8) The request is a request to the approved regulator that it reconsider the provision made by its regulatory arrangements to prevent a regulatory conflict with the Board.
- (9) The Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) and any other approved regulator must consider any request made to it under this section.
- (10) Subsections (5) to (8) of section 53 apply in relation to an application under subsection (6) as they apply in relation to an application under that section, except that—

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- (a) references to the applicant regulator are to be read as references to the person who made the application, and
 - (b) references to the conflicting regulator are to be construed in accordance with this section.
- (11) In this section—
- “affected person” in relation to the Board or any other approved regulator, means—
 - (a) any person authorised by the body to carry on a reserved legal activity, or
 - (b) an employee or manager of such a person;
 - “conflicting regulator” means—
 - (a) in a case within subsection (1), the approved regulator making the request, and
 - (b) in a case within subsection (3) or (5), the approved regulator whose regulatory arrangements are considered to conflict with those of the Board.

Functions of approved regulators etc

69 Modification of the functions of approved regulators etc E+W

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order modify, or make other provision relating to, the functions of an approved regulator or any other body (other than the Board).
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) the Board has made a recommendation under this section,
 - (b) a draft order was annexed to the recommendation, and
 - (c) the order is in the same form as, or a form not materially different from, that draft order.
- (3) The Board may make a recommendation under this section only with a view to an order being made which enables the body to which it relates to do one or more of the following—
 - (a) to become designated by an order under Part 2 of Schedule 4 as an approved regulator, or designated by an order under Part 1 of Schedule 10 as a licensing authority, in relation to one or more reserved legal activities;
 - (b) to authorise persons or any category of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) to carry on one or more activities which are reserved legal activities in relation to which the body is (at the time the authorisation has effect) designated as an approved regulator, or to make regulatory arrangements;
 - (c) to carry out its role as an approved regulator (including its role, if any, as a licensing authority) more effectively or efficiently;
 - (d) to become a qualifying regulator under Part 1 of Schedule 18;
 - (e) if it is a designated qualifying regulator under section 86A of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), to authorise persons to provide any additional advice or services the provision of which amounts to the provision of immigration advice or immigration services.

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- (4) Subsections (2) (other than paragraph (a)), (3) and (4) of section 64 apply in relation to an order under this section as they apply in relation to an order under section 62(1) (b) in relation to the Board.
- (5) An order under this section also may make provision in relation to—
 - (a) the provision of immigration advice or immigration services, and
 - (b) persons authorised to provide such advice and services by the body to which the order relates,corresponding to the provision which may be made by virtue of section 64(2) to (4) in relation to reserved legal activities and persons authorised to carry on those activities.
- (6) An order under this section may modify provisions made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any Act passed after this Act), prerogative instrument or other instrument or document.
- (7) Any provision made by an order under this section may be expressed to be conditional upon—
 - (a) the body to which the order relates being designated by an order under Part 2 of Schedule 4 as an approved regulator, or by an order under Part 1 of Schedule 10 as a licensing authority, in relation to one or more reserved legal activities specified in the proposed draft order, or
 - (b) the body to which the order relates becoming a designated qualifying regulator under section 86A of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33).
- (8) The powers to make an order conferred by this section are without prejudice to any powers (statutory or non-statutory) which an approved regulator or other body may have apart from this section.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 69 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), [art. 4](#)

70 **Procedural requirements relating to recommendations under section 69** **E+W**

- (1) A recommendation may be made under section 69 only with the consent of the approved regulator or other body to which the recommendation relates.
- (2) Before making a recommendation under that section, the Board must publish a draft of—
 - (a) the proposed recommendation, and
 - (b) the proposed draft order.
- (3) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the Board within a specified period.
- (4) Before making the recommendation, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (5) If the draft order to be annexed to the recommendation differs from the draft published under subsection (2)(b) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Board, material, the Board must, before making the recommendation, publish the draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 70 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), [art. 5](#)

PART 5 E+W

ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS STRUCTURES

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

Introductory

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

71 Carrying on of activities by licensed bodies E+W

- (1) The provisions of this Part have effect for the purpose of regulating the carrying on of reserved legal activities and other activities by licensed bodies.
- (2) In this Act “licensed body” means a body which holds a licence in force under this Part.

72 “Licensable body” E+W

- (1) A body (“B”) is a licensable body if a non-authorised person—
 - (a) is a manager of B, or
 - (b) has an interest in B.
- (2) A body (“B”) is also a licensable body if—
 - (a) another body (“A”) is a manager of B, or has an interest in B, and
 - (b) non-authorised persons are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, at least 10% of the voting rights in A.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, a person has an interest in a body if—
 - (a) the person holds shares in the body, or
 - (b) the person is entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, voting rights in the body.
- (4) A body may be licensable by virtue of both subsection (1) and subsection (2).
- (5) For the purposes of this Act, a non-authorised person has an indirect interest in a licensable body if the body is licensable by virtue of subsection (2) and the non-authorised person is entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, voting rights in A.
- (6) In this Act “shares” means—
 - (a) in relation to a body with a share capital, allotted shares (within the meaning of the Companies Acts);

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- (b) in relation to a body with capital but no share capital, rights to share in the capital of the body;
 - (c) in relation to a body without capital, interests—
 - (i) conferring any right to share in the profits, or liability to contribute to the losses, of the body, or
 - (ii) giving rise to an obligation to contribute to the debts or expenses of the body in the event of a winding up;
- and references to the holding of shares, or to a shareholding, are to be construed accordingly.

Commencement Information

I17 S. 72 partly in force: s. 72 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 72 in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3

Licensing authorities

73 Licensing authorities and relevant licensing authorities **E+W**

- (1) In this Act “licensing authority” means—
 - (a) the Board, or
 - (b) an approved regulator which is designated as a licensing authority under Part 1 of Schedule 10 and whose licensing rules are approved for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) the Board is a licensing authority in relation to all reserved legal activities, and
 - (b) an approved regulator within subsection (1)(b) is a licensing authority in relation to any reserved legal activity in relation to which the designation is made.
- (3) The Board—
 - (a) may delegate any of its functions as a licensing authority to such persons as it considers appropriate;
 - (b) must take such steps as are necessary to ensure an appropriate financial and organisational separation between the activities of the Board that relate to the carrying out of its functions as a licensing authority and the other activities of the Board.
- (4) In this Part “relevant licensing authority”—
 - (a) in relation to a licensed body, means the licensing authority by which the licensed body is authorised to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity;
 - (b) in relation to an applicant for a licence, means the licensing authority to which the application is made.

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Commencement Information

I18 S. 73 partly in force; s. 73 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 73(1) in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

74 Designation of approved regulator as licensing authority **E+W**

Part 1 of Schedule 10 makes provision for approved regulators to be designated, by order, as licensing authorities in relation to one or more reserved legal activities.

VALID FROM 02/08/2010

75 Automatic cancellation of designation as licensing authority **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a body is designated—
 - (a) as an approved regulator in relation to a reserved legal activity (“the activity”), and
 - (b) as a licensing authority in relation to the activity.
- (2) If the Lord Chancellor makes an order under section 45 cancelling the body's designation as an approved regulator in relation to the activity, the body's designation as a licensing authority in relation to the activity is also cancelled.
- (3) The cancellation takes effect at the same time as cancellation of the body's designation as an approved regulator.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

76 Cancellation of designation as licensing authority by order **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order cancel an approved regulator's designation as a licensing authority—
 - (a) in relation to all the reserved legal activities in relation to which it is designated, or
 - (b) in relation to one or more, but not all, of those reserved legal activities, with effect from a date specified in the order.
- (2) But the Lord Chancellor may only make an order under subsection (1) in accordance with a recommendation made by the Board under subsection (3) or (5).
- (3) The Board must recommend that an order is made cancelling an approved regulator's designation as a licensing authority in relation to one or more reserved legal activities, if—
 - (a) the approved regulator applies to the Board for such a recommendation to be made,

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- (b) the application is made in such form and manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Board, and is accompanied by the prescribed fee, and
 - (c) the approved regulator publishes a notice giving details of the application in accordance with such requirements as may be specified in rules made by the Board.
- (4) In this section “the prescribed fee”, in relation to an application, means the fee specified in or determined in accordance with rules made by the Board, with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) The Board may recommend that an order is made cancelling an approved regulator's designation as a licensing authority in relation to one or more reserved legal activities if it is satisfied—
- (a) that an act or omission of the licensing authority (or a series of such acts or omissions) has had, or is likely to have, an adverse impact on one or more of the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) that it is appropriate to cancel the approved regulator's designation in relation to the activity or activities in question in all the circumstances of the case (including in particular the impact of cancelling the designation on the other regulatory objectives).
- (6) The Board may not determine that it is appropriate to cancel an approved regulator's designation as a licensing authority in relation to an activity or activities unless it is satisfied that the matter cannot be adequately addressed by the Board exercising the powers available to it under sections 31 to 43.
- (7) Part 2 of Schedule 10 makes further provision about the making of recommendations under subsection (5).
- (8) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to make an order in response to a recommendation made under subsection (3) or (5), the Lord Chancellor must give the Board notice of the decision and the reasons for it.
- (9) The Lord Chancellor must publish a notice given under subsection (8).

Commencement Information

I19 S. 76 partly in force; s. 76 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 76(3)(b)(c)(4)(7) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(d)(i)

VALID FROM 02/08/2010

77 Cancellation of designation: further provision **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an approved regulator (“the former authority”) has its designation as a licensing authority in relation to one or more reserved legal activities cancelled—
- (a) by virtue of section 75, or
 - (b) by an order under section 76.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may by order make—

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- (a) such modifications of provisions made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any enactment passed after this Act), prerogative instrument or other instrument or document, and
 - (b) such transitional or consequential provision,
- as the Lord Chancellor considers necessary or expedient in consequence of the cancellation.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, make transfer arrangements.
- (4) “Transfer arrangements” are arrangements in accordance with which each consenting licensed body is, from the time the cancellation takes effect, treated as being authorised to carry on each protected activity by virtue of a licence issued under this Part by a licensing authority, in relation to the protected activity, which consents to the transfer arrangements.
- (5) “Consenting licensed body” means a licensed body authorised by the former authority which consents to the transfer arrangements.
- (6) The transfer arrangements—
- (a) must make such provision as is necessary to ensure that, where a licensed body is treated under those arrangements as being authorised to carry on a protected activity by the new authority, that licensed body is subject to the licensing rules of the new authority;
 - (b) may make provision requiring amounts held by the former authority which represent amounts paid to it by way of licensing fees by the consenting licensed bodies (or a part of the amounts so held) to be paid to the new authority and treated as if they were amounts paid by those licensed bodies by way of licensing fees to the new authority.
- (7) Subsection (6)(a) is subject to any transitional provision which may be made by the transfer arrangements, including provision modifying the licensing rules of the new authority as they apply to the bodies to whom the transfer arrangements apply.
- (8) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under this section only if—
- (a) the Board has made a recommendation in accordance with section 78, and
 - (b) the order is in the same form as, or in a form which is not materially different from, the draft order annexed to that recommendation.
- (9) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a licensed body is “authorised by the former authority” if immediately before the time the cancellation takes effect the body is, by virtue of a licence under this Part, authorised by the former authority to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity to which the cancellation relates, and
 - (b) in relation to that body—
 - (i) the activity which the body is authorised to carry on as mentioned in paragraph (a) is a “protected activity”, and
 - (ii) “the new authority” means the licensing authority by which (in accordance with transfer arrangements under subsection (4)) the body is treated as authorised to carry on a protected activity.
- (10) In this section “licensing fee”, in relation to a licensing authority, means a fee payable by a licensed body under the authority's licensing rules made in accordance with paragraph 21 of Schedule 11.

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78 The Board's power to recommend orders made under section 77 **E+W**

- (1) The Board may recommend to the Lord Chancellor that the Lord Chancellor make an order under section 77 in the form of a draft order prepared by the Board and annexed to the recommendation.
- (2) Before making a recommendation under this section, the Board must publish a draft of—
 - (a) the proposed recommendation, and
 - (b) the proposed draft order.
- (3) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the Board within a specified period.
- (4) Before making the recommendation, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (5) If the draft order to be annexed to the recommendation differs from the draft published under subsection (2)(b) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Board, material, the Board must, before making the recommendation, publish the draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

79 Cancellation of designation: powers of entry etc **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an approved regulator (“the former authority”) has its designation in relation to one or more reserved legal activities cancelled by by virtue of section 75 or an order under section 76.
- (2) The Board may request the former authority to provide assistance to the new authority and the Board, for the purpose of continuing regulation.
- (3) On an application by a person appointed by the Board to act on its behalf, a judge of the High Court, Circuit judge or justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising that person to—
 - (a) enter and search the premises of the former authority, and
 - (b) take possession of any written or electronic records found on the premises.
- (4) A person so authorised may, for the purpose of continuing regulation, take copies of written or electronic records found on a search carried out by virtue of the warrant.
- (5) The judge or justice of the peace may not issue the warrant unless satisfied that its issue is necessary or desirable for the purpose of continuing regulation.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor must make regulations—
 - (a) specifying further matters which a judge or justice of the peace must be satisfied of, or matters which a judge or justice of the peace must have regard to, before issuing a warrant, and

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- (b) regulating the exercise of a power conferred by a warrant issued under subsection (3) or by subsection (4) (whether by restricting the circumstances in which a power may be exercised, by specifying conditions to be complied with in the exercise of a power, or otherwise).
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6)(b) must in particular make provision as to circumstances in which written or electronic records of which a person has taken possession by virtue of a warrant issued under subsection (3) may be copied or must be returned.
- (8) But the Lord Chancellor may not make regulations under subsection (6) unless—
 - (a) they are made in accordance with a recommendation made by the Board, or
 - (b) the Lord Chancellor has consulted the Board about the making of the regulations.
- (9) The Board must make rules as to the persons it may appoint for the purposes of subsection (3).
- (10) For the purposes of this section—
 - “authorised by the former authority”, “protected activity” and “new authority” have the same meaning as for the purposes of section 77;
 - “the purpose of continuing regulation” means the purpose of enabling bodies authorised by the former authority to continue to be authorised and regulated in relation to the protected activity.

Commencement Information

I20 S. 79 partly in force; s. 79 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 79(6)-(10) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(d)(i)

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Appeals

80 Functions of appellate bodies **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order—
 - (a) establish a body to hear and determine appeals from decisions, made by a person specified in the order in the person's capacity as a licensing authority, which are appealable under this Part or licensing rules made by the person;
 - (b) modify, or make any other provision relating to, the functions of a body within subsection (2) or any other body, for the purpose of enabling the body to hear and determine appeals from such decisions.
- (2) The bodies mentioned in subsection (1)(b) are—
 - (a) the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal;
 - (b) the Discipline and Appeals Committee established by the Council of Licensed Conveyancers under section 25 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).

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- (3) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) the Board has made a recommendation in accordance with section 81,
 - (b) a draft order was annexed to the recommendation, and
 - (c) the order is in the same form as, or not materially different from, that draft order.
- (4) An order under this section may—
 - (a) make provision as to the payment of fees, and award of costs, in relation to such appeals;
 - (b) modify provisions made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any Act passed after this Act), prerogative instrument or other instrument or document.
- (5) Any provision made by an order under this section may be expressed to be conditional upon the person specified in the order being designated by an order under Part 1 of Schedule 10 as a licensing authority in relation to one or more reserved legal activities.
- (6) The powers to make an order conferred by this section are without prejudice to any powers (statutory or non-statutory) which a body may have apart from this section.

81 **Procedural requirements relating to recommendations under section 80** **E**
+W

- (1) A recommendation may be made under section 80 only with the consent of—
 - (a) the person from whose decisions the appeals are to be made, and
 - (b) where the recommendation is for an order under section 80(1)(b), the body to which appeals are to be made.
- (2) Before making a recommendation under that section, the Board must publish a draft of—
 - (a) the proposed recommendation, and
 - (b) the proposed draft order.
- (3) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the Board within a specified period.
- (4) Before making any recommendation, the Board must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (5) If the draft order to be annexed to the recommendation differs from the draft published under subsection (2)(b) in a way which is, in the opinion of the Board, material, the Board must, before making the recommendation, publish the draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.

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Policy statement

82 Licensing authority policy statement **E+W**

- (1) Each licensing authority must prepare and issue a statement of policy as to how, in exercising its functions under this Part, it will comply with the requirements of section 28 (or, in the case of the Board, section 3) (duties to promote regulatory objectives etc).
- (2) A licensing authority may issue a statement under subsection (1) only with the approval of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority or as an approved regulator).
- (3) A licensing authority may, with the approval of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority or as an approved regulator), alter or replace a statement issued under this section.
- (4) If it does so, it must issue the altered or replacement statement.
- (5) In exercising its functions under this Part, a licensing authority must have regard to the statement issued by it under this section.
- (6) A licensing authority must publish a statement issued by it under this section.

VALID FROM 02/08/2010

Licensing rules

83 Licensing rules **E+W**

- (1) The Board (acting in its capacity as a licensing authority)—
 - (a) must make suitable licensing rules before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which a licensable body first becomes entitled to make an application to it for a licence by virtue of a decision of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority or as an approved regulator) under Schedule 12;
 - (b) may make or modify its licensing rules only with the approval of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority or as an approved regulator).
- (2) In subsection (1)(a), “suitable licensing rules” means licensing rules which constitute suitable regulatory arrangements (within the meaning of Schedule 12) in respect of licensable bodies entitled by virtue of a decision under that Schedule to make an application to the Board for a licence.
- (3) Licensing rules made by an approved regulator have effect only at a time when the approved regulator is a licensing authority (subject to any provision made by an order under section 25).

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- (4) Licensing rules of a licensing authority are rules as to—
 - (a) the licensing by the authority of licensable bodies, and
 - (b) the regulation by the licensing authority of licensable bodies licensed by it, and their managers and employees.
- (5) Licensing rules of a licensing authority must contain—
 - (a) appropriate qualification regulations in respect of licensable bodies to which the licensing authority proposes to issue licences under this Part,
 - (b) provision as to how the licensing authority, when considering the regulatory objectives (in compliance with its duties under section 3(2) or 28(2)) in connection with an application for a licence, should take account of the objective of improving access to justice,
 - (c) appropriate arrangements (including conduct rules, discipline rules and practice rules) under which the licensing authority will be able to regulate the conduct of bodies licensed by it, and their managers and employees,
 - (d) appropriate indemnification arrangements,
 - (e) appropriate compensation arrangements,
 - (f) the provision required by sections 52 and 54 (resolution of regulatory conflict) (including those provisions as applied by section 103),
 - (g) the provision required by sections 112 and 145 (requirements imposed in relation to the handling of complaints), and
 - (h) any other provision required to be contained in licensing rules by this Act.
- (6) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4), licensing rules of a licensing authority may contain any provision authorised by this Act.
- (7) Schedule 11 makes further provision as to the contents of licensing rules.
- (8) Subsections (5) to (7) are subject to—
 - (a) section 105 (which exempts trade unions from certain provisions), and
 - (b) section 106 (which provides for the modification of licensing rules in their application to bodies to which that section applies).
- (9) Licensing rules may not apply to bodies to which section 106 applies in a way which is different from the way they apply to other bodies, except by virtue of an order under that section.

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Licensing

84 Application for licence E+W

- (1) A licensing authority other than the Board must determine any application for a licence which is made to it.
- (2) The Board (acting in its capacity as a licensing authority) may determine an application for a licence which is made to it only if the applicant is entitled to make the application by virtue of a decision of the Board (acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority) under Schedule 12.

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- (3) A licensing authority may not grant an application for a licence unless it is satisfied that if the licence is granted the applicant will comply with its licensing rules.
- (4) If the licensing authority grants an application for a licence, it must issue the licence as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (5) The licence has effect from the date on which it is issued.
- (6) References in this section to an application for a licence are to an application for a licence which is—
 - (a) made to a licensing authority by a licensable body, in accordance with the authority's licensing rules, and
 - (b) accompanied by the required application fee (if any).

Commencement Information

I21 S. 84 partly in force; s. 84 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 84(2) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#)

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85 Terms of licence **E+W**

- (1) A licence issued under section 84 must specify—
 - (a) the activities which are reserved legal activities and which the licensed body is authorised to carry on by virtue of the licence, and
 - (b) any conditions subject to which the licence is granted.
- (2) If an order under section 106 has been made in relation to the licensed body, the licence must also specify the terms of the order.
- (3) In the case of a licensing authority other than the Board, the licence may authorise the licensed body to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities only if the licensing authority is designated in relation to the reserved legal activities in question.
- (4) A licence must be granted subject to the condition that—
 - (a) any obligation which may from time to time be imposed on the licensed body or a person within subsection (5) by or under the licensing authority's licensing rules is complied with, and
 - (b) any other obligations imposed on the licensed body or a person within that subsection by or under this or any other enactment (whether passed before or after this Act) are complied with.
- (5) The persons mentioned in subsection (4) are the managers and employees of a licensed body, and non-authorised persons having an interest or an indirect interest, or holding a material interest, in the licensed body (in their capacity as such).
- (6) A licence may be granted subject to such other conditions as the licensing authority considers appropriate.

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- (7) Those conditions may include conditions as to the non-reserved activities which the licensed body may or may not carry on.
- (8) In this Part references to the terms of the licence are to the matters listed in subsections (1) and (2).

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86 Modification of licence **E+W**

- (1) A licensing authority may modify the terms of a licence granted by it—
 - (a) if the licensed body applies to the licensing authority, in accordance with its licensing rules, for it to do so;
 - (b) in such other circumstances as may be specified in its licensing rules.
- (2) If a licensed body is a body to which section 106 applies, the licensing authority may modify the terms of its licence in accordance with sections 106 and 107.
- (3) A licensing authority modifies the terms of a licensed body's licence by giving the licensed body notice in writing of the modifications; and the modifications have effect from the time the licensing authority gives the licensed body the notice or such later time as may be specified in the notice.
- (4) The licensing authority's power under this section is subject to—
 - (a) section 85(3) and (4), and
 - (b) licensing rules made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 11.

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

87 Registers of licensed bodies **E+W**

- (1) Each licensing authority must keep a register containing the names and places of business of all bodies which hold or have held licences granted by the licensing authority.
- (2) Where any licence held by a body is for the time being suspended, the licensing authority shall cause that fact to be noted in the register in the entry for that body.
- (3) A licensing authority must provide facilities for making the information contained in the entries in its register available for inspection by any person during office hours and without payment.
- (4) The Board may make rules about—
 - (a) the register to be kept by the Board under this section, and
 - (b) the register to be kept under this section by each licensing authority designated under Part 1 of Schedule 10.
- (5) Rules under subsection (4) may in particular prescribe any further information which must be contained in an entry in the register in relation to a licensed body or former licensed body.

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88 Evidence of status E+W

- (1) A certificate signed by an officer of a licensing authority appointed for the purpose and stating one of the matters within subsection (2) is, unless the contrary is proved, evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.
- (2) The matters are that any person does or does not, or did or did not at any time, hold a licence granted by the licensing authority under this Part.
- (3) A certificate purporting to be so signed is to be taken to have been so signed unless the contrary is proved.

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Ownership of licensed bodies

89 Ownership of licensed bodies E+W

Schedule 13 makes provision about the holding of certain interests in licensed bodies by non-authorised persons.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Regulation of licensed bodies

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

90 Duties of non-authorised persons E+W

A non-authorised person who is an employee or manager of a licensed body, or has an interest or an indirect interest, or holds a material interest, in a licensed body, must not do anything which causes or substantially contributes to a breach by—

- (a) the licensed body, or
 - (b) an employee or manager of the licensed body who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity,
- of the duties imposed on them by section 176.

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91 Duties of Head of Legal Practice **E+W**

- (1) The Head of Legal Practice of a licensed body must—
 - (a) take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with the terms of the licensed body's licence, and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable, report to the licensing authority any failure to comply with the terms of the licence.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the terms of the licence so far as they require compliance with licensing rules made under paragraph 20 of Schedule 11 (accounts) (as to which see section 92).
- (3) The Head of Legal Practice of a licensed body must—
 - (a) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the licensed body, and any of its employees or managers who are authorised persons in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, comply with the duties imposed by section 176, and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable, report to the licensing authority such failures by those persons to comply with those duties as may be specified in licensing rules.
- (4) The Head of Legal Practice of a licensed body must—
 - (a) take all reasonable steps to ensure that non-authorised persons subject to the duty imposed by section 90 in relation to the licensed body comply with that duty, and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable, report to the licensing authority any failure by a non-authorised person to comply with that duty.

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92 Duties of Head of Finance and Administration **E+W**

- (1) The Head of Finance and Administration of a licensed body must take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with licensing rules made under paragraph 20 of Schedule 11 (accounts).
- (2) The Head of Finance and Administration must report any breach of those rules to the licensing authority as soon as reasonably practicable.

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93 Information **E+W**

- (1) The relevant licensing authority in relation to a licensed body may by notice require a person within subsection (2)—

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- (a) to provide information, or information of a description, specified in the notice, or
 - (b) produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice, for the purpose of enabling the licensing authority to ascertain whether the terms of the licensed body's licence are being, or have been, complied with.
- (2) The persons are—
- (a) the licensed body;
 - (b) any manager or employee (or former manager or employee) of the licensed body;
 - (c) any non-authorised person who has an interest or an indirect interest, or holds a material interest, in the licensed body.
- (3) A notice under subsection (1)—
- (a) may specify the manner and form in which any information is to be provided;
 - (b) must specify the period within which the information is to be provided or the document produced;
 - (c) may require the information to be provided, or the document to be produced, to the licensing authority or to a person specified in the notice.
- (4) The licensing authority may, by notice, require a person within subsection (2) (or a representative of such a person) to attend at a time and place specified in the notice to provide an explanation of any information provided or document produced under this section.
- (5) The licensing authority may pay to any person such reasonable costs as may be incurred by that person in connection with—
- (a) the provision of any information, or production of any document, by that person pursuant to a notice under subsection (1), or
 - (b) that person's compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (4).
- (6) The licensing authority, or a person specified under subsection (3)(c) in a notice, may take copies of or extracts from a document produced pursuant to a notice under subsection (1).
- (7) For the purposes of this section and section 94, references to a licensed body include a body which was, but is no longer, a licensed body.

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94 Enforcement of notices under section 93 E+W

- (1) Where a person is unable to comply with a notice given to the person under section 93, the person must give the licensing authority a notice to that effect stating the reasons why the person cannot comply.
- (2) If a person refuses or otherwise fails to comply with a notice under section 93, the licensing authority may apply to the High Court for an order requiring the person to comply with the notice or with such directions for the like purpose as may be contained in the order.

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95 Financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) A licensing authority may, in accordance with its licensing rules, impose on a licensed body, or a manager or employee of a licensed body, a penalty of such amount as it considers appropriate.
- (2) The amount must not exceed the maximum amount prescribed under subsection (3).
- (3) The Board must make rules prescribing the maximum amount of a penalty which may be imposed under this section.
- (4) Rules may be made under subsection (3) only with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) A penalty under this section is payable to the licensing authority.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) references to a licensed body are to a body which was a licensed body at the time the act or omission in respect of which the penalty is imposed occurred, and
 - (b) references to a manager or employee of a licensed body are to a person who was a manager or employee of a licensed body at that time,
(whether or not the body subsequently ceased to be a licensed body or the person subsequently ceased to be a manager or employee).
- (7) In sections 96 and 97 references to a “penalty” are to a penalty under this section.

Commencement Information

I22 S. 95 partly in force; s. 95 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 95(3)(4) in force at 1.1.2009 by [S.I. 2008/3149](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#)

96 Appeals against financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) A person on whom a penalty is imposed under section 95 may, before the end of such period as may be prescribed by rules made by the Board, appeal to the relevant appellate body on one or more of the appeal grounds.
- (2) The appeal grounds are—
 - (a) that the imposition of the penalty is unreasonable in all the circumstances of the case;
 - (b) that the amount of the penalty is unreasonable;
 - (c) that it is unreasonable of the licensing authority to require the penalty imposed or any portion of it to be paid by the time or times by which it was required to be paid.
- (3) On any such appeal, where the relevant appellate body considers it appropriate to do so in all the circumstances of the case and is satisfied of one or more of the appeal grounds, that body may—
 - (a) quash the penalty,
 - (b) substitute a penalty of such lesser amount as it considers appropriate, or
 - (c) in the case of the appeal ground in subsection (2)(c), substitute for any time imposed by the licensing authority a different time or times.

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- (4) Where the relevant appellate body substitutes a penalty of a lesser amount it may require the payment of interest on the substituted penalty at such rate, and from such time, as it considers just and equitable.
- (5) Where the relevant appellate body specifies as a time by which the penalty, or a portion of the penalty, is to be paid a time before the determination of the appeal under this section it may require the payment of interest on the penalty, or portion, from that time at such rate as it considers just and equitable.
- (6) A party to the appeal may appeal to the High Court on a point of law arising from the decision of the relevant appellate body, but only with the permission of the High Court.
- (7) The High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.
- (8) Except as provided by this section, the validity of a penalty is not to be questioned by any legal proceedings whatever.

Commencement Information

I23 S. 96 partly in force; s. 96 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 96(1) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(d)(i)

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97 Recovery of financial penalties **E+W**

- (1) If the whole or any part of a penalty is not paid by the time by which, in accordance with licensing rules, it is required to be paid, the unpaid balance from time to time carries interest at the rate for the time being specified in section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838 (c. 110).
- (2) Where a penalty, or any portion of it, has not been paid by the time by which, in accordance with licensing rules, it is required to be paid and—
 - (a) no appeal relating to the penalty has been made under section 96 during the period within which such an appeal can be made, or
 - (b) an appeal has been made under that section and determined or withdrawn, the licensing authority may recover from the person on whom the penalty was imposed, as a debt due to the licensing authority, any of the penalty and any interest which has not been paid.
- (3) A licensing authority must pay into the Consolidated Fund any sum received by it as a penalty (or as interest on a penalty).

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

98 Referral of employees etc to appropriate regulator **E+W**

- (1) The relevant licensing authority may refer to an appropriate regulator any matter relating to the conduct of—

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- (a) an employee or manager of a licensed body;
 - (b) a person designated as a licensed body's Head of Legal Practice or Head of Finance and Administration.
- (2) The licensing authority may also refer any matter relating to the conduct of such a person to the Board.
- (3) Appropriate regulators are—
- (a) if the person is an authorised person in relation to a reserved legal activity, any relevant approved regulator in relation to that person, and
 - (b) if the person carries on non-reserved activities, any person who exercises regulatory functions in relation to the carrying on of such activities by the person.

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

99 Disqualification **E+W**

- (1) A licensing authority may in accordance with its licensing rules disqualify a person from one or more of the activities mentioned in subsection (2) if—
- (a) the disqualification condition is satisfied in relation to the person, and
 - (b) the licensing authority is satisfied that it is undesirable for the person to engage in that activity or those activities.
- (2) The activities are—
- (a) acting as Head of Legal Practice of any licensed body,
 - (b) acting as Head of Finance and Administration of any licensed body,
 - (c) being a manager of any licensed body, or
 - (d) being employed by any licensed body.
- (3) The disqualification condition is satisfied in relation to a person if, in relation to a licensed body licensed by the licensing authority, the person (intentionally or through neglect)—
- (a) breaches a relevant duty to which the person is subject, or
 - (b) causes, or substantially contributes to, a significant breach of the terms of the licensed body's licence.
- (4) The relevant duties are—
- (a) the duties imposed on a Head of Legal Practice by section 91,
 - (b) the duties imposed on a Head of Finance and Administration by section 92,
 - (c) the duties imposed by section 176 on regulated persons (within the meaning of that section), and
 - (d) the duty imposed on non-authorised persons by section 90.

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VALID FROM 01/10/2011

100 Lists of disqualified persons **E+W**

- (1) The Board must keep lists of persons who are disqualified from—
 - (a) acting as Head of Legal Practice of any licensed body,
 - (b) acting as Head of Finance and Administration of any licensed body,
 - (c) being a manager of any licensed body, or
 - (d) being employed by any licensed body.
- (2) A person is disqualified from acting in a way mentioned in subsection (1) if—
 - (a) the person has been disqualified from so acting by a licensing authority under section 99, and
 - (b) the disqualification continues in force.
- (3) The disqualification ceases to be in force if the appropriate licensing authority so determines, on a review or otherwise, in accordance with licensing rules made under paragraph 23 of Schedule 11.
- (4) The appropriate licensing authority is—
 - (a) the licensing authority which disqualified the person, or
 - (b) if the person was disqualified by an approved regulator which is no longer designated as a licensing authority, the successor licensing authority.
- (5) The successor licensing authority is—
 - (a) the licensing authority which licenses the body in relation to which the disqualification condition (within the meaning of section 99) was satisfied in respect of the person, or
 - (b) if there is no such licensing authority, the licensing authority designated by the Board on an application by the disqualified person.
- (6) The Board must publish the lists kept by it under subsection (1).

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

101 Suspension and revocation of licence **E+W**

- (1) A licensing authority may, in accordance with its licensing rules, suspend or revoke any licence granted by it under this Part.
- (2) A licence is to be treated as not being in force at any time while it is suspended under this section.

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

102 Intervention **E+W**

Schedule 14 confers powers of intervention on licensing authorities.

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PROSPECTIVE

103 Regulatory conflict and the Board as licensing authority E+W

- (1) Sections 52 and 54 (regulatory conflict between approved regulators and between approved regulators and other regulators) apply in relation to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority and its licensing rules as they apply in relation to an approved regulator (including the Board in its capacity as approved regulator) and its regulatory arrangements.
- (2) Section 68 (regulatory conflict and the Board as approved regulator) applies in relation to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority and its licensing rules as it applies in relation to the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator and its regulatory arrangements.

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

104 Prevention of regulatory conflict: accounts rules E+W

- (1) Where a licensed body carries on an activity through a solicitor, the rules made under paragraph 20 of Schedule 11 apply instead of those made under sections 32 to 34 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47).
- (2) Where a licensed body carries on an activity through a licensed conveyancer, the rules made under paragraph 20 of Schedule 11 apply instead of those made under sections 22 and 23 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

Special kinds of body

PROSPECTIVE

105 Trade union exemptions E+W

- (1) Paragraphs 11 to 14 of Schedule 11 (Head of Legal Practice and Head of Finance and Administration) do not apply in relation to a licensed body which is an independent trade union.
- (2) Schedule 13 (ownership) does not apply in relation to an applicant for a licence, or a licensed body, which is an independent trade union.

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PROSPECTIVE

106 Power to modify application of licensing rules etc to special bodies **E+W**

- (1) This section applies to a licensed body (or an applicant for a licence) which is—
 - (a) an independent trade union,
 - (b) a not for profit body,
 - (c) a community interest company,
 - (d) a low-risk body (see section 108), or
 - (e) a body of such other description as may be prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor on the recommendation of the Board.
- (2) A body to which this section applies may apply to the relevant licensing authority, in accordance with its licensing rules, for the authority to make an order under this section.
- (3) The licensing authority may make one or both of the following orders—
 - (a) that the authority's licensing rules apply in relation to the body with such modifications as may be specified in the order;
 - (b) that Schedule 13 does not apply in relation to the body, or applies in relation to the body with such modifications as may be specified in the order.
- (4) On an application under subsection (2), the licensing authority may make any order which the authority—
 - (a) has power to make under subsection (3), and
 - (b) considers appropriate in all the circumstances of the case,
 whether or not it is the order for which the applicant applied.
- (5) In deciding what order (if any) is appropriate in all the circumstances of the case, the licensing authority must in particular have regard to—
 - (a) the reserved legal activities and non-reserved activities which the body carries on (or proposes to carry on),
 - (b) the nature of the persons to whom the body provides (or proposes to provide) services,
 - (c) any non-authorised persons who have an interest or an indirect interest in the licensed body or hold a material interest in the licensed body, or are managers of the body, and
 - (d) any other matter specified in the authority's licensing rules.
- (6) If the licensing authority makes an order under subsection (3), the authority's licensing rules or Schedule 13 or both (as the case may be) have effect in relation to that body in accordance with that order.
- (7) The licensing authority may not make an order under subsection (3)(a) in relation to provisions of its licensing rules made in accordance with the following paragraphs of Schedule 11—
 - (a) paragraphs 2 and 3 (determination and review of applications for a licence);
 - (b) paragraphs 7 and 8 (applications under this section);
 - (c) paragraphs 9(3), 18 and 23 (disqualifications);
 - (d) paragraph 10(2) (management);

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- (e) paragraph 16 (carrying on of licensed activities);
 - (f) paragraph 24(1), (2), (3) and (8) (grounds for suspending and revoking licences);
 - (g) paragraph 24(10) and (11) (procedure for suspending or revoking licence);
 - (h) paragraph 26(2) (review of decision to suspend or revoke licence).
- (8) The licensing authority may not make an order under subsection (3)(a) which results in its licensing rules, as they apply in relation to the body to which the order relates, not making the provision required by—
- (a) section 83(5)(a) to (g);
 - (b) paragraph 1 of Schedule 11 (applications for licences);
 - (c) paragraph 4(3) of that Schedule (renewal of licences);
 - (d) paragraph 6 of that Schedule (modification of licence);
 - (e) paragraph 20 of that Schedule (accounts).
- (9) If the licensing authority's licensing rules, as they apply in relation to a body to which an order under subsection (3)(a) relates, make provision requiring the body to have—
- (a) a Head of Legal Practice approved by the licensing authority, or
 - (b) a Head of Finance and Administration approved by the licensing authority,
- they must also provide for a review by the licensing authority of any decision by it to refuse or withdraw that approval.

PROSPECTIVE

107 Modifications under section 106: supplementary **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a licensing authority has made an order under section 106 in relation to a body to which that section applies.
- (2) The licensing authority must revoke the order under section 106 if it becomes aware that the body in respect of which the order was made is no longer a body to which that section applies.
- (3) The licensing authority may revoke or otherwise modify an order under section 106—
 - (a) on the application of the body in relation to which the order was made, or
 - (b) of its own motion.
- (4) It may do so only if it considers it appropriate to do so in all the circumstances of the case, having regard to the matters mentioned in section 106(5).

PROSPECTIVE

108 “Low risk body” **E+W**

- (1) A body (“B”) is a low risk body if the management condition and the ownership condition are satisfied in relation to it.

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- (2) The management condition is that the number of managers of the body who are within subsection (4) is less than 10% of the total number of managers.
- (3) The ownership condition is that—
 - (a) the proportion of shares in B held by persons within subsection (4) is less than 10%, and
 - (b) the proportion of the voting rights in B which such persons are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, is less than 10%, and
 - (c) if B has a parent undertaking (“P”)—
 - (i) the proportion of shares in P held by such persons is less than 10%, and
 - (ii) the proportion of the voting rights in P which such persons are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, is less than 10%.
- (4) The persons within this subsection are—
 - (a) non-authorised persons;
 - (b) licensed bodies.
- (5) For the purposes of this section “parent undertaking” has the same meaning as in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8) (see section 420 of that Act).

109 Foreign bodies **E+W**

The Lord Chancellor may by order make provision for the modification of any provision of this Part in its application to a body of persons formed under, or in so far as the body is recognised by, law having effect outside England and Wales.

Commencement Information

I24 [S. 109](#) partly in force: s. 109 not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 211](#); [s. 109](#) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 3](#)

VALID FROM 01/10/2011

Supplementary provision

110 Reporting requirements relating to Part 5 **E+W**

- (1) The Board's annual report must deal with how, in the Board's opinion, the activities of licensing authorities and licensed bodies have affected the regulatory objectives.
- (2) This section does not apply to an annual report for a financial year before the first financial year in which a licence is issued under this Part.
- (3) In this section “annual report” and “financial year” have the same meaning as in section 6.

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111 Interpretation of Part 5 **E+W**

(1) In this Part—

“licensed activity”, in relation to a licensed body, means an activity—

- (a) which is a reserved legal activity, and
- (b) which the licensed body is authorised to carry on by virtue of its licence;

“non-authorised person” means a person who is not within subsection (2);

“non-reserved activity” means an activity which is not a reserved legal activity;

“relevant appellate body”, in relation to decisions made by a licensing authority under this Part, means the body having power to hear appeals from those decisions (whether by virtue of an order under section 80 or otherwise).

(2) The following persons are within this subsection—

- (a) an authorised person in relation to an activity which constitutes a reserved legal activity,
- (b) a registered foreign lawyer (within the meaning of section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)),
- (c) a person entitled to pursue professional activities under a professional title to which the Directive applies in a state to which the Directive applies (other than the title of barrister or solicitor in England and Wales),
- (d) a body which provides professional services such as are provided by persons within paragraph (a) or lawyers of other jurisdictions, and all the managers of which and all the persons with an interest in which—
 - (i) are within paragraphs (a) to (c), or
 - (ii) are bodies in which persons within paragraphs (a) to (c) are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, more than 90% of the voting rights.

(3) In subsection (2)(c) “the Directive” means Directive [98/5/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council, to facilitate practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained.

PART 6 **E+W**

LEGAL COMPLAINTS

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Complaints procedures of authorised persons

112 Complaints procedures of authorised persons **E+W**

(1) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator must make provision requiring each relevant authorised person—

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- (a) to establish and maintain procedures for the resolution of relevant complaints, or
 - (b) to participate in, or make arrangements to be subject to, such procedures established and maintained by another person, and provision for the enforcement of that requirement.
- (2) The provision made for the purposes of subsection (1) must satisfy such requirements as the Board may, from time to time, specify for the purposes of that subsection.
- (3) In this section—
- “relevant authorised person”, in relation to an approved regulator, means a person in relation to whom the approved regulator is a relevant approved regulator;
 - “relevant complaint”, in relation to a relevant authorised person, means a complaint which—
 - (a) relates to an act or omission of that person, and
 - (b) may be made under the scheme provided for by this Part.
- (4) The Board must publish any requirements specified by it for the purposes of subsection (2).
- (5) This section applies in relation to the licensing rules of the Board as it applies in relation to the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator except that subsection (3) has effect as if for the definition of “relevant authorised person” there were substituted—
- ““relevant authorised person”, in relation to the Board, means a person licensed by the Board under Part 5;”.

Commencement Information

I25 S. 112 partly in force; s. 112 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 112(2)(4) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

Overview of the scheme

113 Overview of the scheme **E+W**

- (1) This Part provides for a scheme under which complaints which—
- (a) relate to an act or omission of a person (“the respondent”) in carrying on an activity, and
 - (b) are within the jurisdiction of the scheme (see section 125), may be resolved quickly and with minimum formality by an independent person.
- (2) Under the scheme—
- (a) redress may be provided to the complainant, but
 - (b) no disciplinary action may be taken against the respondent.

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- (3) Section 157 prevents provision relating to redress being included in the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator, or licensing rules made by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority.
- (4) But neither the scheme nor any provision made by this Part affects any power of an approved regulator, or the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, to take disciplinary action.
- (5) “Disciplinary action” means the imposition of sanctions, in respect of a breach of conduct rules or discipline rules, on a person who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity.

The Office for Legal Complaints

114 The Office for Legal Complaints **E+W**

- (1) There is to be a body corporate called the Office for Legal Complaints (in this Act referred to as “the OLC”).
- (2) Schedule 15 is about the OLC.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

115 The ombudsman scheme **E+W**

- (1) The scheme provided for by this Part is to be administered by the OLC in accordance with this Part and with scheme rules made under this Part.
- (2) In this Part “scheme rules” means rules made by the OLC.
- (3) The scheme is to be operated under a name (which must include the word “ombudsman”) chosen by the OLC, and is referred to in this Act as “the ombudsman scheme”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

116 General obligations **E+W**

- (1) In discharging its functions the OLC must comply with the requirements of this section.
- (2) The OLC must, so far as is reasonably practicable, act in a way—
 - (a) which is compatible with the regulatory objectives, and
 - (b) which it considers most appropriate for the purpose of meeting those objectives.
- (3) The OLC must have regard to any principles appearing to it to represent the best practice of those who administer ombudsman schemes.

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VALID FROM 01/01/2009

117 Corporate governance **E+W**

In managing its affairs, the OLC must have regard to such generally accepted principles of good corporate governance as it is reasonable to regard as applicable to it.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

118 Annual report **E+W**

- (1) The OLC must prepare a report (“the annual report”) for each financial year.
- (2) The annual report must deal with—
 - (a) the discharge of the functions of the OLC,
 - (b) the extent to which, in the OLC's opinion, the OLC has met the regulatory objectives, and
 - (c) such other matters as the Board may from time to time direct.
- (3) The OLC must include in the annual report a copy of the report prepared by the Chief Ombudsman under section 123 for the financial year in question.
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the OLC must give the Board a copy of the annual report prepared for that year.
- (5) The Board must give a copy of the annual report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor must lay a copy of the annual report before Parliament.
- (7) In this section “financial year” means—
 - (a) the period beginning with the day on which the OLC is established and ending with the next following 31 March, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

119 Supplementary powers **E+W**

The OLC may do anything calculated to facilitate, or incidental or conducive to, the carrying out of any of its functions.

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VALID FROM 01/01/2009

120 Reporting to the Board **E+W**

- (1) The Board may require the OLC to prepare and give the Board, within a specified period, a report in respect of any specified matter relating to the functions of the OLC.
- (2) In subsection (1) “specified” means specified in the requirement.
- (3) The Board must publish any report given to it under this section.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

121 Performance targets and monitoring **E+W**

- (1) The Board may—
 - (a) set one or more performance targets relating to the performance by the OLC of any of its functions, or
 - (b) direct the OLC to set one or more performance targets relating to the performance by the OLC of any of its functions.
- (2) A direction under subsection (1)(b) may impose conditions with which the performance targets must conform.
- (3) The Board must publish any target set or direction given by it under this section.
- (4) The OLC must publish any target set by it pursuant to a direction under subsection (1)(b).
- (5) The Board may take such steps as it regards as appropriate to monitor the extent to which any performance target set under this section is being, or has been, met.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

The ombudsmen

122 Appointment of the Chief Ombudsman and assistant ombudsmen **E+W**

- (1) The OLC—
 - (a) must appoint a person to act as Chief Ombudsman for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme, and
 - (b) may, with the consent of the Chief Ombudsman, appoint one or more other persons to act as assistant ombudsmen for those purposes.
- (2) The person appointed under subsection (1)(a) must be a lay person.
- (3) It is a condition of an appointment under subsection (1)(b) that the person appointed must not during the appointment carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity for or in expectation of any fee, gain or reward.

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- (4) Each person appointed under subsection (1)(a) or (b) must be a person appearing to the OLC to have appropriate qualifications and experience to act as an ombudsman for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme.
- (5) In this Act a reference to an “ombudsman” (except in the expressions “ombudsman scheme”, “Chief Ombudsman” and “assistant ombudsman”) is a reference to the Chief Ombudsman or an assistant ombudsman.
- (6) A person's appointment as Chief Ombudsman ceases if that person ceases to be a lay person.
- (7) The terms and conditions on which a person is appointed as an assistant ombudsman must specify the consequences of a breach of the condition imposed by subsection (3).
- (8) Subject to that, a person's appointment as an ombudsman is to be on such terms and conditions (including terms as to the duration and termination of a person's appointment and as to remuneration) as the OLC considers—
 - (a) consistent with ensuring the independence of the person appointed, and
 - (b) otherwise appropriate.
- (9) Appointment as an ombudsman does not confer the status of Crown servant.
- (10) In this section “lay person” has the same meaning as in Schedule 15.

123 Annual report of Chief Ombudsman E+W

- (1) The Chief Ombudsman must prepare a report for each financial year on the discharge of the functions of the ombudsmen.
- (2) A report under this section must comply with any requirements specified by the OLC.
- (3) The OLC must publish any requirements specified for the purposes of subsection (2).
- (4) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Chief Ombudsman must give the OLC a copy of the report prepared under this section for the year.
- (5) In this section “financial year” has the meaning given by section 118(7).

124 Additional reports of Chief Ombudsman E+W

- (1) The OLC may require the Chief Ombudsman to prepare and give the OLC, within a specified period, a report in respect of any specified matter relating to the functions of the ombudsmen.
- (2) In subsection (1) “specified” means specified in the requirement.

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Jurisdiction and operation of the ombudsman scheme

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125 Jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme **E+W**

- (1) A complaint which relates to an act or omission of a person (“the respondent”) in carrying on an activity is within the jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme if—
 - (a) the complaint is not excluded from the jurisdiction of the scheme by section 126, or by scheme rules made under section 127,
 - (b) the respondent is within section 128, and
 - (c) the complainant is within section 128 and wishes to have the complaint dealt with under the scheme.
- (2) In subsection (1) references to an act or omission include an act or omission which occurs before the coming into force of this section.
- (3) The right of a person to make a complaint under the ombudsman scheme, and the jurisdiction of an ombudsman to investigate, consider and determine a complaint, may not be limited or excluded by any contract term or by notice.

126 Complaints excluded because respondent's complaints procedures not used **E+W**

- (1) A complaint is excluded from the jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme if the complainant has not first used the respondent's complaints procedures in relation to the complaint.
- (2) The respondent's complaints procedures are the procedures established by the respondent, or which the respondent participates in or is subject to, in accordance with regulatory arrangements (or licensing rules of the Board) made in accordance with section 112.
- (3) Scheme rules may provide that subsection (1) does not apply in specified circumstances.

Commencement Information

I26 S. 126 partly in force; s. 126 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 126(3) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

127 Complaints excluded by scheme rules **E+W**

- (1) Scheme rules may make provision excluding complaints of a description specified in the rules from the jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme.

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- (2) But they may not make provision excluding a complaint from the jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme on the ground that it relates to a matter which has been or could be dealt with under the disciplinary arrangements of the respondent's relevant authorising body.

128 Parties **E+W**

- (1) The respondent is within this section if, at the relevant time, the respondent was an authorised person in relation to an activity which was a reserved legal activity (whether or not the act or omission relates to a reserved legal activity).
- (2) The complainant (“C”) is within this section if C—
- (a) meets the first and second conditions, and
 - (b) is not excluded by subsection (5).
- (3) The first condition is that C is—
- (a) an individual, or
 - (b) a person (other than an individual) of a description prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with a recommendation made under section 130.
- (4) The second condition is that—
- (a) the services to which the complaint relates were provided by the respondent to C;
 - (b) the services to which the complaint relates were provided by the respondent to an authorised person who procured them on C's behalf;
 - (c) the services to which the complaint relates were provided by the respondent—
 - (i) in the respondent's capacity as a personal representative or trustee, or
 - (ii) to a person acting as a personal representative or trustee, and C is a beneficiary of the estate or trust in question; or
 - (d) C satisfies such other conditions, in relation to the services to which the complaint relates, as may be prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with a recommendation made under section 130.
- (5) C is excluded if, at the relevant time—
- (a) C was an authorised person in relation to an activity which was a reserved legal activity and the services to which the complaint relates were procured by C on behalf of another person,
 - (b) C was a public body or was acting on behalf of such a body in relation to the services to which the complaint relates, or
 - (c) C was a person prescribed, or of a description prescribed, as excluded by order made by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with a recommendation made under section 130.
- (6) In subsection (4)(b) “authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (7) In this section—

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“public body” means any government department, local authority or other body constituted for purposes of the public services, local government or the administration of justice;

“relevant time”, in relation to a complaint, means the time when the act or omission to which the complaint relates took place.

Commencement Information

I27 S. 128 partly in force; s. 128 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 128(3)(b)(4)(d)(5)(c) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

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129 Pre-commencement acts and omissions **E+W**

(1) For the purposes of section 128 a person is to be regarded as an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, at a time before section 125 comes into force, if the person was at that time—

- (a) a person of the kind mentioned in paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 15,
- (b) a body recognised under section 9 or 32 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) (recognised bodies), or
- (c) a legal partnership, a conveyancing partnership, a patent attorney body or a trade mark attorney body.

(2) In this section—

“conveyancing partnership” has the meaning given by paragraph 11(5) of Schedule 5;

“legal partnership” has the meaning given by paragraph 7(4) of that Schedule;

“patent attorney body” has the meaning given by paragraph 14(7) of that Schedule;

“trade mark attorney body” has the meaning given by paragraph 16(7) of that Schedule.

130 Orders under section 128 **E+W**

(1) An interested body may, at any time, recommend to the Lord Chancellor that the Lord Chancellor make an order under section 128(3)(b), (4)(d) or (5)(c).

(2) An interested body must, if requested to do so by the Lord Chancellor, consider whether or not it is appropriate to make a recommendation under subsection (1).

(3) An interested body must, before making a recommendation under subsection (1)—

- (a) publish a draft of the proposed recommendation,
- (b) invite representations regarding the proposed recommendation, and
- (c) consider any such representations which are made.

(4) Where the Lord Chancellor receives a recommendation under subsection (1), the Lord Chancellor must consider whether to follow the recommendation.

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- (5) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to follow the recommendation, the Lord Chancellor must publish a notice to that effect which includes the Lord Chancellor's reasons for the decision.
- (6) In this section “interested body” means—
 - (a) the OLC,
 - (b) the Board, or
 - (c) the Consumer Panel.

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131 Acts and omissions by employees etc **E+W**

- (1) For the purposes of this Part and the ombudsman scheme, any act or omission by a person in the course of the person's employment is to be treated as also an act or omission by the person's employer, whether or not it was done with the employer's knowledge or approval.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part and the ombudsman scheme, any act or omission by a partner in a partnership in the course of carrying on, in the usual way, business of the kind carried on by the partnership is to be treated as also an act or omission by the partnership.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not apply if the partner had no authority to act for the partnership and the person purporting to rely on that subsection knew, at the time of the act or omission, that the partner had no such authority.

132 Continuity of complaints **E+W**

- (1) The ability of a person to make a complaint about an act or omission of a partnership or other unincorporated body is not affected by any change in the membership of the partnership or body.
- (2) Scheme rules must make provision determining the circumstances in which, for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme, an act or omission of a person (“A”) is, where A ceases to exist and another person (“B”) succeeds to the whole or substantially the whole of the business of A, to be treated as an act or omission of B.
- (3) Rules under subsection (2) must, in relation to cases where an act or omission of A is treated as an act or omission of B, make provision about the treatment of complaints under the ombudsman scheme which are outstanding against A at the time A ceases to exist.
- (4) Scheme rules must make provision permitting such persons as may be specified in the rules to continue a complaint made by a person who has died or is otherwise unable to act; and for that purpose may modify references to the complainant in this Part and in scheme rules.

133 Operation of the ombudsman scheme **E+W**

- (1) Scheme rules must set out the procedure for—

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- (a) the making of complaints under the ombudsman scheme, and
 - (b) the investigation, consideration and determination of complaints by an ombudsman.
- (2) Scheme rules—
- (a) must provide that a complaint is to be entertained under the ombudsman scheme only if the complainant has made the complaint under that scheme before the applicable time limit (determined in accordance with the scheme rules) has expired, and
 - (b) may provide that an ombudsman may extend that time limit in specified circumstances.
- (3) Scheme rules made under subsection (1) may (among other things) make provision—
- (a) for the whole or part of a complaint to be dismissed, in specified circumstances, without consideration of its merits;
 - (b) for the reference of a complaint, in specified circumstances and with the consent of the complainant, to another body with a view to it being determined by that body instead of by an ombudsman;
 - (c) for a person who, at the relevant time (within the meaning of section 128(7)) was an authorised person in relation to an activity to be treated in specified circumstances, for the purposes of the scheme and this Part, as if that person were a co-respondent in relation to a complaint;
 - (d) about the evidence which may be required or admitted and the extent to which it should be oral or written;
 - (e) for requiring parties to the complaint to attend to give evidence and produce documents, and for authorising the administration of oaths by ombudsmen;
 - (f) about the matters which are to be taken into account in determining whether an act or omission was fair and reasonable;
 - (g) for an ombudsman, in such circumstances as may be specified, to award expenses to persons in connection with attendance at a hearing before an ombudsman;
 - (h) for an ombudsman to award costs against the respondent in favour of the complainant;
 - (i) for an ombudsman to award costs against the complainant or the respondent in favour of the OLC for the purpose of providing a contribution to resources deployed in dealing with the complaint, if in the ombudsman's opinion that person acted so unreasonably in relation to the complaint that it is appropriate in all the circumstances of the case to make such an award;
 - (j) for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of a complaint with the agreement of the parties to it;
 - (k) for specified persons to be notified of complaints, determinations and directions under the ombudsman scheme.
- (4) The circumstances specified under subsection (3)(a) may include the following—
- (a) the ombudsman considers the complaint or part to be frivolous or vexatious or totally without merit;
 - (b) the ombudsman considers that the complaint or part would be better dealt with under another ombudsman scheme, by arbitration or by other legal proceedings;
 - (c) the ombudsman considers that there has been undue delay in the making of the complaint or part, or the provision of evidence to support it;

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- (d) the ombudsman is satisfied that the matter which is the subject of the complaint or part has previously been dealt with under another ombudsman scheme, by arbitration or by other legal proceedings;
 - (e) the ombudsman considers that there are other compelling reasons why it is inappropriate for the complaint or part to be dealt with under the ombudsman scheme.
- (5) No person may be required by scheme rules—
- (a) to provide any information or give any evidence which that person could not be compelled to provide or give in evidence in civil proceedings before the High Court, or
 - (b) to produce any document which that person could not be compelled to produce in such proceedings.
- (6) Scheme rules may authorise an ombudsman making an award of costs in accordance with rules within subsection (3)(h) or (i) to order that the amount payable under the award bears interest, from a time specified in or determined in accordance with the order, at a rate specified in or determined in accordance with the rules.
- (7) An amount due under an award made in favour of a person by virtue of provision made under subsection (3)(g), (h) or (i) is recoverable as a debt due to that person.
- (8) In this section—
- “party”, in relation to a complaint, means—
 - (a) the complainant,
 - (b) the respondent, and
 - (c) any other person who in accordance with scheme rules is to be regarded as a party to the complaint;
 - “specified” means specified in scheme rules.

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134 Delegation of an ombudsman's functions **E+W**

- (1) An ombudsman may delegate to a member of the OLC's staff appointed under paragraph 13 of Schedule 15—
- (a) any function of the ombudsman in relation to the making, investigation or consideration of a complaint;
 - (b) any other function conferred on the ombudsman by or by virtue of this Part.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) applies to the following functions—
- (a) the function of determining a complaint;
 - (b) the function of deciding that a complaint should be dismissed by virtue of rules under section 133(3)(a);
 - (c) the Chief Ombudsman's power to consent to the appointment of an assistant ombudsman under section 122;
 - (d) the duties imposed on the Chief Ombudsman by section 123 (Chief Ombudsman's report).

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135 Notification requirements **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where a complaint—
 - (a) is excluded from the jurisdiction of the ombudsman scheme under section 126, or by virtue of scheme rules made under section 127;
 - (b) is dismissed, or referred to another body, by virtue of scheme rules;
 - (c) is settled, withdrawn or abandoned (or treated as withdrawn or abandoned by virtue of scheme rules).
- (2) The ombudsman must notify—
 - (a) the complainant;
 - (b) the respondent;
 - (c) any relevant authorising body, in relation to the respondent, notified of the complaint in accordance with rules within section 133(3)(k),and, in a case within subsection (1)(a) or (b), must give reasons for the exclusion, dismissal or referral.

136 Charges payable by respondents **E+W**

- (1) Scheme rules must require respondents, in relation to complaints under the ombudsman scheme, to pay to the OLC such charges as may be specified in the rules.
- (2) The rules must provide for charges payable in relation to a complaint to be waived (or wholly refunded) where—
 - (a) the complaint is determined or otherwise resolved in favour of the respondent, and
 - (b) the ombudsman is satisfied that the respondent took all reasonable steps to try to resolve the complaint under the respondent's complaints procedures.
- (3) The rules may make provision as to—
 - (a) the circumstances in which a complaint is to be treated as determined or otherwise resolved in favour of the respondent (which may include circumstances where a complaint is settled, withdrawn or abandoned (or treated as withdrawn or abandoned by virtue of scheme rules));
 - (b) matters to be taken into account by the ombudsman for the purposes of subsection (2)(b).
- (4) The respondent's complaints procedures are the procedures established by the respondent, or which the respondent participates in or is subject to, in accordance with regulatory arrangements (or licensing rules of the Board) made in accordance with section 112.
- (5) The rules may, among other things—
 - (a) provide for the OLC to reduce or waive a charge in such other circumstances as may be specified;
 - (b) set different charges for different stages of the proceedings on a complaint;
 - (c) provide for charges to be wholly or partly refunded in such other circumstances as may be specified;

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- (d) provide that if the whole or any part of a charge is not paid by the time by which it is required to be paid under the rules, the unpaid balance from time to time carries interest at the rate specified in, or determined in accordance with, the rules.
- (6) Any charge which is owed to the OLC by virtue of rules made under this section may be recovered as a debt due to the OLC.

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Determinations under the scheme

137 Determination of complaints **E+W**

- (1) A complaint is to be determined under the ombudsman scheme by reference to what is, in the opinion of the ombudsman making the determination, fair and reasonable in all the circumstances of the case.
- (2) The determination may contain one or more of the following—
 - (a) a direction that the respondent make an apology to the complainant;
 - (b) a direction that—
 - (i) the fees to which the respondent is entitled in respect of the services to which the complaint relates (“the fees”) are limited to such amount as may be specified in the direction, and
 - (ii) the respondent comply, or secure compliance, with such one or more of the permitted requirements as appear to the ombudsman to be necessary in order for effect to be given to the direction under subparagraph (i);
 - (c) a direction that the respondent pay compensation to the complainant of such an amount as is specified in the direction in respect of any loss which has been suffered by, or any inconvenience or distress which has been caused to, the complainant as a result of any matter connected with the complaint;
 - (d) a direction that the respondent secure the rectification, at the expense of the respondent, of any such error, omission or other deficiency arising in connection with the matter in question as the direction may specify;
 - (e) a direction that the respondent take, at the expense of the respondent, such other action in the interests of the complainant as the direction may specify.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) “the permitted requirements” are—
 - (a) that the whole or part of any amount already paid by or on behalf of the complainant in respect of the fees be refunded;
 - (b) that the whole or part of the fees be remitted;
 - (c) that the right to recover the fees be waived, whether wholly or to any specified extent.
- (4) Where—
 - (a) a direction is made under subsection (2)(b) which requires that the whole or part of any amount already paid by or on behalf of the complainant in respect of the fees be refunded, or
 - (b) a direction is made under subsection (2)(c),

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the direction may also provide for the amount payable under the direction to carry interest from a time specified in or determined in accordance with the direction, at the rate specified in or determined in accordance with scheme rules.

- (5) The power of the ombudsman to make a direction under subsection (2) is not confined to cases where the complainant may have a cause of action against the respondent for negligence.

Commencement Information

I28 S. 137 partly in force; s. 137 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 137(4) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

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138 Limitation on value of directions under the ombudsman scheme **E+W**

- (1) Where a determination is made under the ombudsman scheme in respect of a complaint, the total value of directions under section 137(2)(c) to (e) contained in the determination must not exceed £30,000.
- (2) For this purpose the total value of such directions is the aggregate of—
- (a) the amount of any compensation specified in a direction under subsection (2)(c) of section 137, and
 - (b) the amount of any expenses reasonably incurred by the respondent when complying with a direction under subsection (2)(d) or (e) of that section.
- (3) For the purposes of determining that total value, any interest payable on an amount within subsection (2)(a) of this section, by virtue of section 137(4), is to be ignored.

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139 Alteration of limit **E+W**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order amend section 138(1) in accordance with a recommendation made by an interested body under subsection (2).
- (2) An interested body may, at any time, recommend to the Lord Chancellor that section 138(1) should be amended so as to substitute the amount specified in the recommendation for the amount for the time being specified in that provision.
- (3) An interested body must, if requested to do so by the Lord Chancellor, consider whether or not it is appropriate to make a recommendation under subsection (2).
- (4) An interested body must, before making a recommendation under subsection (2)—
- (a) publish a draft of the proposed recommendation,
 - (b) invite representations regarding the proposed recommendation, and
 - (c) consider any such representations which are made.

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- (5) Where the Lord Chancellor receives a recommendation under subsection (2), the Lord Chancellor must consider whether to follow the recommendation.
- (6) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to follow the recommendation, the Lord Chancellor must publish a notice to that effect which includes the Lord Chancellor's reasons for the decision.
- (7) In this section “interested body” means—
 - (a) the OLC,
 - (b) the Board, or
 - (c) the Consumer Panel.

140 Acceptance or rejection of determination **E+W**

- (1) When an ombudsman has determined a complaint the ombudsman must prepare a written statement of the determination.
- (2) The statement must—
 - (a) give the ombudsman's reasons for the determination,
 - (b) be signed by the ombudsman, and
 - (c) require the complainant to notify the ombudsman, before a time specified in the statement (“the specified time”), whether the complainant accepts or rejects the determination.
- (3) The ombudsman must give a copy of the statement to—
 - (a) the complainant,
 - (b) the respondent, and
 - (c) any relevant authorising body in relation to the respondent.
- (4) If the complainant notifies the ombudsman that the determination is accepted by the complainant, it is binding on the respondent and the complainant and is final.
- (5) If, by the specified time, the complainant has not notified the ombudsman of the complainant's acceptance or rejection of the determination, the complainant is to be treated as having rejected it.
- (6) But if—
 - (a) the complainant notifies the ombudsman after the specified time that the determination is accepted by the complainant,
 - (b) the complainant has not previously notified the ombudsman of the complainant's rejection of the determination, and
 - (c) the ombudsman is satisfied that such conditions as may be prescribed by the scheme rules for the purposes of this subsection are satisfied,
 the determination is treated as if it had never been rejected by virtue of subsection (5).
- (7) The ombudsman must give notice of the outcome to—
 - (a) the complainant,
 - (b) the respondent, and
 - (c) any relevant authorising body in relation to the respondent.
- (8) Where a determination is rejected by virtue of subsection (5), that notice must contain a general description of the effect of subsection (6).

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- (9) A copy of the determination on which appears a certificate signed by an ombudsman is evidence that the determination was made under the scheme.
- (10) Such a certificate purporting to be signed by an ombudsman is to be taken to have been duly signed unless the contrary is shown.
- (11) Neither the complainant nor the respondent, in relation to a complaint, may institute or continue legal proceedings in respect of a matter which was the subject of a complaint, after the time when a determination by an ombudsman of the complaint becomes binding and final in accordance with this section.

Commencement Information

- I29** S. 140 partly in force; s. 140 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 140(6)(c) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

141 Enforcement by complainant of directions under section 137 **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a determination is made in respect of a complaint under the ombudsman scheme,
 - (b) one or more directions are made under section 137(2), and
 - (c) the determination is final by virtue of section 140(4).
- (2) An amount payable in accordance with—
 - (a) a direction under subsection (2)(b) of section 137 which requires that the whole or part of any amount already paid by or on behalf of the complainant in respect of the fees be refunded, or
 - (b) a direction under subsection (2)(c) of that section,including any interest payable by virtue of subsection (4) of that section, is recoverable, if a court so orders on the application of the complainant or an ombudsman, as if it were payable under an order of that court.
- (3) If the respondent fails to comply with any other direction under section 137(2), the complainant or an ombudsman may make an application to the court under this subsection.
- (4) If, on an application under subsection (3), the court decides that the respondent has failed to comply with the direction in question, it may order the respondent to take such steps as the court directs for securing that the direction is complied with.
- (5) An ombudsman may make an application under subsection (2) or (3) only in such circumstances as may be specified in scheme rules, and with the complainant's consent.
- (6) If the court makes an order under subsection (2) on the application of an ombudsman, the ombudsman may in such circumstances as may be specified in scheme rules and with the complainant's consent recover the amount mentioned in that subsection on behalf of the complainant.
- (7) In this section “court” means the High Court or a county court.

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- I30** S. 141 partly in force; s. 141 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 141(5)-(7) in force at 1.1.2009 by [S.I. 2008/3149](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(i\)](#)

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142 Reporting court orders made against authorised persons **E+W**

- (1) Where a court makes an order under section 141, it must give the OLC notice to that effect.
- (2) Where the order is made against a person who is an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity, the OLC must make arrangements to ensure that an ombudsman gives to each relevant authorising body, in relation to that person, a report which states that the order has been made.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) may require the relevant authorising body to report to the ombudsman the action which has been or is to be taken by it in response to the report under subsection (2) and the reasons for that action being taken.
- (4) If an ombudsman, having regard to any report produced by the relevant authorising body in compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (3), or any failure to comply with such a requirement, considers—
 - (a) that there has been a serious failure by the relevant authorising body to discharge its regulatory functions, or
 - (b) if such a requirement has been imposed on the body on more than one occasion, that the relevant authorising body has persistently failed adequately to discharge its regulatory functions,
 the ombudsman may make a report to that effect to the Board.

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Reporting misconduct

143 Reporting possible misconduct to approved regulators **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an ombudsman is dealing, or has dealt, with a complaint under the ombudsman scheme, and
 - (b) the ombudsman is of the opinion that the conduct of the respondent or any other person in relation to any matter connected with the complaint is such that a relevant authorising body in relation to that person should consider whether to take action against that person.
- (2) The ombudsman must give the relevant authorising body a report which—
 - (a) states that the ombudsman is of that opinion, and
 - (b) gives details of that conduct.

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- (3) The ombudsman must give the complainant a notice stating that a report under subsection (2) has been given to the relevant authorising body.
- (4) A report under subsection (2) may require the relevant authorising body to report to the ombudsman the action which has been or is to be taken by it in response to the report and the reasons for that action being taken.
- (5) The duty imposed by subsection (2) is not affected by the withdrawal or abandonment of the complaint.
- (6) If an ombudsman, having regard to any report produced by the relevant authorising body in compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (4), or any failure to comply with such a requirement, considers—
 - (a) that there has been a serious failure by the relevant authorising body to discharge its regulatory functions, or
 - (b) if such a requirement has been imposed on the body on more than one occasion, that the relevant authorising body has persistently failed adequately to discharge its regulatory functions,the ombudsman may make a report to that effect to the Board.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Co-operation with investigations

144 Duties to share information **E+W**

- (1) Scheme rules must make provision requiring persons within subsection (3) to disclose to an approved regulator information of such description as may be specified in the rules, in such circumstances as may be so specified.
- (2) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator must make provision requiring the approved regulator to disclose to persons within subsection (3) information of such description as may be specified in the arrangements, in such circumstances as may be so specified.
- (3) The persons are—
 - (a) the OLC;
 - (b) an ombudsman;
 - (c) a member of the OLC's staff appointed under paragraph 13 of Schedule 15.
- (4) Provision made under subsection (1) or (2) must satisfy such requirements as the Board may, from time to time, specify.
- (5) In specifying requirements under subsection (4) the Board must have regard to the need to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable—
 - (a) duplication of investigations is avoided;
 - (b) the OLC assists approved regulators to carry out their regulatory functions, and approved regulators assist with the investigation, consideration and determination of complaints under the ombudsman scheme.
- (6) The Board must publish any requirements specified by it under subsection (4).

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- (7) The OLC must—
- (a) before publishing under section 205(2) a draft of rules it proposes to make under subsection (1), consult each approved regulator to which the proposed rules apply, and
 - (b) when seeking the Board's consent to such rules under section 155, identify any objections made by an approved regulator to the rules and not withdrawn.
- (8) An approved regulator must—
- (a) consult the OLC before making provisions in its regulatory arrangements of the kind mentioned in subsection (2), and
 - (b) where an application is made for the Board's approval of such provisions, identify any objections made by the OLC to the provisions and not withdrawn.
- (9) This section applies to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority and licensing rules made by the Board as it applies to an approved regulator and its regulatory arrangements; and for this purpose the reference in subsection (5)(b) to “regulatory functions” is to be read as a reference to the Board's functions under its licensing rules.

Commencement Information

I31 S. 144 partly in force; s. 144 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 144(1)(3) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

145 Duties of authorised persons to co-operate with investigations **E+W**

- (1) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator, and licensing rules made by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, must make—
- (a) provision requiring each relevant authorised person to give ombudsmen all such assistance requested by them, in connection with the investigation, consideration or determination of complaints under the ombudsman scheme, as that person is reasonably able to give, and
 - (b) provision for the enforcement of that requirement.
- (2) The provision made for the purposes of subsection (1) must satisfy such requirements as the Board may, from time to time, specify for the purposes of that subsection.
- (3) The Board must publish any requirements specified by it under subsection (2).
- (4) In this section “relevant authorised person”—
- (a) in relation to an approved regulator, has the same meaning as in section 112, and
 - (b) in relation to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, means a person licensed by the Board under Part 5.

Commencement Information

I32 S. 145 partly in force; s. 145 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 145(2)(3) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(e)(i)

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146 Reporting failures to co-operate with an investigation to approved regulators **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an ombudsman is of the opinion that an authorised person has failed to give an ombudsman all such assistance requested by the ombudsman, in connection with the investigation, consideration or determination of a complaint under the ombudsman scheme, as that person is reasonably able to give.
- (2) The ombudsman must give each relevant authorising body, in relation to that person, a report which—
 - (a) states that the ombudsman is of that opinion, and
 - (b) gives details of the failure.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) may require the relevant authorising body to report to the ombudsman the action which has been or is to be taken by it in response to the report under that subsection and the reasons for that action being taken.
- (4) The duty imposed by subsection (2) is not affected by the withdrawal or abandonment of the complaint.
- (5) If an ombudsman, having regard to any report produced by the relevant authorising body in compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (3), or any failure to comply with such a requirement, considers—
 - (a) that there has been a serious failure by the relevant authorising body to discharge its regulatory functions, or
 - (b) if such a requirement has been imposed on the body on more than one occasion, that the relevant authorising body has persistently failed adequately to discharge its regulatory functions,the ombudsman may make a report to that effect to the Board.
- (6) In this section “authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

Information

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

147 Information and documents **E+W**

- (1) An ombudsman may, by notice, require a party to a complaint under the ombudsman scheme—
 - (a) to produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice, or

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- (b) to provide information, or information of a description, specified in the notice.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) may require the information or documents to be provided or produced—
 - (a) before the end of such reasonable period as may be specified in the notice, and
 - (b) in the case of information, in such manner or form as may be so specified.
- (3) This section applies only to information and documents the provision or production of which the ombudsman considers necessary for the determination of the complaint.
- (4) An ombudsman may—
 - (a) take copies of or extracts from a document produced under this section, and
 - (b) require the person producing the document to provide an explanation of it.
- (5) If a person who is required under this section to produce a document fails to do so, an ombudsman may require that person to state, to the best of that person's knowledge and belief, where the document is.
- (6) No person may be required under this section—
 - (a) to provide any information which that person could not be compelled to provide or give in evidence in civil proceedings before the High Court, or
 - (b) to produce any document which that person could not be compelled to produce in such proceedings.
- (7) In this section “party”, in relation to a complaint, means—
 - (a) the complainant;
 - (b) the respondent;
 - (c) any other person who in accordance with the scheme rules is to be regarded as a party to the complaint.

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

148 Reporting failures to provide information or produce documents E+W

- (1) This section applies where an ombudsman is of the opinion that an authorised person has failed to comply with a requirement imposed under section 147(1).
- (2) The ombudsman must give each relevant authorising body, in relation to that person, a report which—
 - (a) states that the ombudsman is of that opinion, and
 - (b) gives details of the failure.
- (3) A report under subsection (2) may require the relevant authorising body to report to the ombudsman the action which has been or is to be taken by it in response to the report under that subsection and the reasons for that action being taken.
- (4) The duty imposed by subsection (2) is not affected by the withdrawal or abandonment of the complaint in relation to which the requirement was imposed under section 147(1).

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- (5) If an ombudsman, having regard to any report produced by the relevant authorising body in compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (3), or any failure to comply with such a requirement, considers—
- (a) that there has been a serious failure by the relevant authorising body to discharge its regulatory functions, or
 - (b) if such a requirement has been imposed on the body on more than one occasion, that the relevant authorising body has persistently failed adequately to discharge its regulatory functions,
- the ombudsman may make a report to that effect to the Board.
- (6) In this section “authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity.

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

149 Enforcement of requirements to provide information or produce documents **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an ombudsman is of the opinion that a person (“the defaulter”) has failed to comply with a requirement imposed under section 147(1).
- (2) The ombudsman may certify the defaulter's failure to comply with the requirement to the court.
- (3) Where an ombudsman certifies a failure to the court under subsection (2), the court may enquire into the case.
- (4) If the court is satisfied that the defaulter has failed without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement, it may deal with—
- (a) the defaulter, and
 - (b) in the case of a body, any manager of the body,
- as if that person were in contempt.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies in a case where the defaulter is an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (6) The ombudsman (“the enforcing ombudsman”) may not certify the defaulter's failure to the court until a report by that or another ombudsman has been made as required by section 148(2) and the enforcing ombudsman is satisfied—
- (a) that each relevant authorising body to whom such a report was made has been given a reasonable opportunity to take action in respect of the defaulter's failure, and
 - (b) that the defaulter has continued to fail to provide the information or produce the documents to which the requirement under section 147 related.
- (7) In this section “court” means the High Court.

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150 Reports of investigations **E+W**

- (1) The OLC may, if it considers it appropriate to do so in any particular case, publish a report of the investigation, consideration and determination of a complaint made under the ombudsman scheme.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must not (unless the complainant consents)—
 - (a) mention the name of the complainant, or
 - (b) include any particulars which, in the opinion of the OLC, are likely to identify the complainant.

151 Restricted information **E+W**

- (1) Except as provided by section 152, restricted information must not be disclosed—
 - (a) by a restricted person, or
 - (b) by any person who receives the information directly or indirectly from a restricted person.
- (2) In this section and section 152—

“restricted information” means information (other than excluded information) which is obtained by a restricted person in the course of, or for the purposes of, an investigation into a complaint made under the ombudsman scheme (including information obtained for the purposes of deciding whether to begin such an investigation or in connection with the settlement of a complaint);

“restricted person” means—

 - (a) the OLC,
 - (b) an ombudsman, or
 - (c) a person who exercises functions delegated under paragraph 22 of Schedule 15.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) “excluded information” means—
 - (a) information which is in the form of a summary or collection of information so framed as not to enable information relating to any particular person to be ascertained from it;
 - (b) information which at the time of the disclosure is or has already been made available to the public from other sources;
 - (c) information which was obtained more than 70 years before the date of the disclosure.

Commencement Information

- I33** S. 151 partly in force: s. 151 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 151 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(d) (with art. 9)

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152 Disclosure of restricted information **E+W**

- (1) A restricted person may disclose restricted information to another restricted person.
- (2) Restricted information may be disclosed for the purposes of the investigation in the course of which, or for the purposes of which, it was obtained.
- (3) Section 151 also does not preclude the disclosure of restricted information—
 - (a) in a report made under—
 - (i) section 143(2) (report of possible misconduct to approved regulators),
 - (ii) section 146(2) (report of failure to co-operate with investigation),
 - (iii) section 148 (reporting failures to provide information or produce documents), or
 - (iv) section 150 (reports of investigations),
 - (b) for the purposes of enabling or assisting the Board to exercise any of its functions,
 - (c) to an approved regulator for the purposes of enabling or assisting the approved regulator to exercise any of its regulatory functions,
 - (d) with the consent of the person to whom it relates and (if different) the person from whom the restricted person obtained it,
 - (e) for the purposes of an inquiry with a view to the taking of any criminal proceedings or for the purposes of any such proceedings,
 - (f) where the disclosure is required by or by virtue of any provision made by or under this Act or any other enactment or other rule of law,
 - (g) to such persons (other than approved regulators) who exercise regulatory functions as may be prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor, for such purposes as may be so prescribed.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) are subject to subsection (5).
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may by order prevent the disclosure of restricted information by virtue of subsection (2) or (3) in such circumstances, or for such purposes, as may be prescribed in the order.

Commencement Information

I34 S. 152 partly in force: s. 152 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 152 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(d) (with art. 9)

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153 Data protection **E+W**

In section 31 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29) (regulatory activity), after subsection (4B) (inserted by section 170) insert—

“(4C) Personal data processed for the purposes of the function of considering a complaint under the scheme established under Part 6 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (legal complaints) are exempt from the subject information provisions in any case to the extent to which the application

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of those provisions to the data would be likely to prejudice the proper discharge of the function.”

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Defamation

154 Protection from defamation claims **E+W**

For the purposes of the law of defamation—

- (a) proceedings in relation to a complaint under the ombudsman scheme are to be treated as if they were proceedings before a court, and
- (b) the publication of any matter by the OLC under this Part is absolutely privileged.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Scheme rules

155 Consent requirements for rules **E+W**

- (1) Before making scheme rules under any provision of this Part, the OLC must obtain—
 - (a) the consent of the Board, and
 - (b) in the case of rules under section 136 (charges payable by respondents), the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) In subsection (1) the reference to making rules includes a reference to modifying rules.

156 The Board's powers in respect of rules **E+W**

- (1) The Board may direct the OLC to take such steps as are necessary—
 - (a) to modify its scheme rules in accordance with such general requirements as are specified in the direction, or
 - (b) to make a specified modification to its scheme rules.
- (2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1)(b), the Board must—
 - (a) give the OLC a notice giving details of the proposed modification and containing a statement that representations about the proposal may be made to the Board within a period specified in the notice,
 - (b) publish a copy of that notice, and
 - (c) have regard to any representations duly made.
- (3) The following provisions do not apply in relation to any modification made by the OLC to its rules in compliance with a direction under subsection (1)(b)—
 - (a) section 155(1)(a) (requirement to obtain the Board's consent to rules);
 - (b) section 205 (requirement to consult before making rules).

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- (4) Where the Board revokes a direction, it must—
- (a) give the OLC notice of the revocation, and
 - (b) publish that notice.

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Effect on existing arrangements for redress etc

157 Approved regulators not to make provision for redress **E+W**

- (1) The regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator must not include any provision relating to redress.
- (2) If at the time this subsection comes into force the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator contravene subsection (1), any provision relating to redress included in those regulatory arrangements ceases to have effect at that time, subject to subsection (3).
- (3) An order under section 211 which appoints a day for the coming into force of subsection (2) may include transitional provision in respect of any proceedings which, immediately before that day are awaiting determination under any provision relating to redress made by an approved regulator.

This subsection is without prejudice to any other transitional provision which may be made by or under this Act.

- (4) For the purposes of this section “provision relating to redress” means any provision made in regulatory arrangements (whether it is statutory or non-statutory) for redress in respect of acts or omissions of authorised persons and any provision connected with such provision.
- (5) Nothing in this section prevents an approved regulator making—
 - (a) provision in its regulatory arrangements of the kind required by section 112 (requirement for authorised persons to have complaints procedures etc),
 - (b) indemnification arrangements or compensation arrangements, or
 - (c) provision which by virtue of section 158 is not prohibited by this section.
- (6) In subsection (4) “authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (7) This section applies to licensing rules made by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority as it applies in relation to the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 157 restricted (7.3.2008) by 1985 c. 61 s. 43(3A) (as inserted by [Legal Services Act 2007](#) (c. 29), ss. 177, 211 {Sch. 16 para. 84(3)}) (with ss. 29, 192, 193)); S.I. 2008/222, **art. 2(f)**

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158 Regulatory arrangements not prohibited by section 157 **E+W**

- (1) Section 157 does not prohibit the regulatory arrangements of an approved regulator from making provision requiring, or authorising the approved regulator to require, a relevant authorised person—
- (a) to investigate whether there are any persons who may have a claim against the relevant authorised person in relation to a matter specified by the approved regulator;
 - (b) to provide the approved regulator with a report on the outcome of the investigation;
 - (c) to identify persons (“affected persons”) who may have such a claim;
 - (d) to notify affected persons that they may have such a claim;
 - (e) to provide affected persons with information about the relevant authorised person's complaints procedures and the ombudsman scheme;
 - (f) to ensure that the relevant authorised person's complaints procedures operate as if an affected person had made a complaint against the relevant authorised person in respect of the act or omission to which the claim relates.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) “claim”, in relation to a relevant authorised person, means a claim for redress resulting from an act or omission of that person.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “relevant authorised person”, in relation to an approved regulator, means a person authorised by that approved regulator to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity, and
 - (b) a relevant authorised person's complaints procedures are the procedures established by that person, or which that person participates in or is subject to, in accordance with regulatory arrangements made in accordance with section 112.
- (4) This section applies in relation to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority as it applies in relation to an approved regulator, and in relation to the Board references to regulatory arrangements are to be read as references to the Board's licensing rules.

159 Legal Services Complaints Commissioner and Legal Services Ombudsman **E+W**

- (1) The offices of Legal Services Complaints Commissioner and Legal Services Ombudsman are abolished.
- (2) Accordingly—
- (a) sections 51 and 52 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22), and
 - (b) sections 21 to 26 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41),
- are repealed.

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Interpretation

160 Interpretation of Part 6 **E+W**

In this Part—

“complainant”, in relation to a complaint, means the person who makes the complaint;

“relevant authorising body”, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) an approved regulator by which the person is authorised to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity, or
- (b) where the person is authorised to carry on such an activity by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, the Board;

“respondent”, in relation to a complaint, is to be construed in accordance with section 125 (except that, where scheme rules of the kind mentioned in section 133(3)(c) have effect, references to the “respondent” include a person treated as a co-respondent under those rules).

VALID FROM 29/11/2018

Claims management services

161 Extension of Part 6 to claims management services **E+W**

(1) For the purposes of this Part (and sections 1, 21 and 27 as they apply in relation to this Part)—

- (a) the Claims Management Services Regulator is to be treated as an approved regulator;
- (b) regulated claims management services are to be treated as a reserved legal activity;
- (c) a person authorised by the Claims Management Services Regulator, under Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29), to provide regulated claims management services is to be treated as an authorised person in relation to that activity;
- (d) the Claims Management Services Regulator is to be treated as a relevant authorising body in relation to such a person; and
- (e) regulations under section 9 of, and the Schedule to, the Compensation Act 2006 (regulations about the functions of the Claims Management Services Regulator etc) are to be treated as regulatory arrangements of the Claims Management Services Regulator.

(2) For the purposes of sections 112 and 145 (as extended by this section) a person authorised by the Claims Management Services Regulator under Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 to provide regulated claims management services is to be treated as a “relevant authorised person” in relation to the Regulator.

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- (3) Section 9 of, and the Schedule to, the Compensation Act 2006 (regulations about the functions of the Claims Management Regulator etc) are subject to any requirements imposed by this Part in relation to the regulatory arrangements of the Claims Management Regulator.
- (4) In this section—
- “Claims Management Services Regulator” means—
- (a) the person designated under section 5(1) of the Compensation Act 2006, or
- (b) at a time when no person is so designated, the Board;
- “regulated claims management services” has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006.

PART 7 E+W

FURTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD AND THE OLC

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

Guidance

162 **Guidance** E+W

- (1) The Board may give guidance—
- (a) about the operation of this Act and of any order made under it;
- (b) about the operation of any rules made by the Board under this Act;
- (c) about any matter relating to the Board's functions;
- (d) for the purpose of meeting the regulatory objectives;
- (e) about the content of licensing rules;
- (f) about any other matters about which it appears to the Board to be desirable to give guidance.
- (2) Guidance under this section may consist of such information and advice as the Board considers appropriate.
- (3) The Board may give financial or other assistance to persons giving information or advice of a kind which the Board could give under this section.
- (4) The Board may—
- (a) publish its guidance,
- (b) offer copies of its published guidance for sale at a reasonable price, and
- (c) if it gives guidance in response to a request made by any person, make a reasonable charge for that guidance.
- (5) When exercising its functions, the Board may have regard to the extent to which an approved regulator has complied with any guidance issued under this section which is applicable to the approved regulator.
- (6) When exercising its functions—

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- (a) in its capacity as an approved regulator by virtue of an order under section 62(1)(a), or
 - (b) in its capacity as a licensing authority under Part 5,
- the Board must have regard to any guidance it has issued under this section.

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Voluntary arrangements

163 Voluntary arrangements **E+W**

- (1) The Board may enter into arrangements with any person under which the Board is to provide assistance for the purpose of improving standards of service and promoting best practice in connection with the carrying on of any legal activity.
- (2) These arrangements may (among other things) provide for the Board to give advice on—
 - (a) the best regulatory practice, or
 - (b) the contents of codes of practice or other voluntary arrangements.
- (3) Arrangements under this section may include provision as to the terms on which assistance is to be provided by the Board (including provision as to payment).
- (4) Where the Board enters into arrangements under this section, it must publish a statement giving details of the arrangements and explaining what they are intended to achieve.

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

164 Power to establish voluntary scheme for resolving complaints **E+W**

- (1) This section and section 166 provide for a scheme under which legal services complaints may be resolved quickly and with minimum formality by an independent person.
- (2) The OLC may make rules (“voluntary scheme rules”) establishing such a scheme (“the voluntary scheme”), but only in relation to such kinds of legal services complaints as may be specified by order made by the Lord Chancellor for the purposes of this section.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may in particular specify a kind of legal services complaint by reference to the description of the complainant, of the respondent, or of the legal services to which the complaint relates.
- (4) “Legal services complaint” means a complaint which relates to an act or omission of an eligible person (“the respondent”) in the course of that person providing legal services.
- (5) For that purpose a person is eligible if at the time the act or omission took place there was no activity in relation to which the person—

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- (a) was an authorised person, or
 - (b) is to be regarded as having been such a person by virtue of section 129.
- (6) Under the voluntary scheme—
- (a) redress may be provided to the complainant, but
 - (b) no disciplinary action may be taken against the respondent.
- (7) Voluntary scheme rules may confer functions on ombudsmen for the purposes of the voluntary scheme.
- (8) Section 131 applies for the purposes of the voluntary scheme as it applies for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme.
- (9) Sections 155 and 156 apply in relation to voluntary scheme rules as they apply in relation to scheme rules.
- (10) In this section—
- “legal services” means services provided by a person which consist of or include legal activities carried on by, or on behalf of, that person;
 - “the voluntary scheme” and “voluntary scheme rules” have the meaning given by subsection (2).

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165 Procedure for making orders under section 164 E+W

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under section 164(2) only on the recommendation of an interested body.
- (2) An interested body must, if requested to do so by the Lord Chancellor, consider whether or not it is appropriate to make a recommendation for such an order.
- (3) An interested body must, before making a recommendation for such an order—
 - (a) publish a draft of the proposed recommendation,
 - (b) invite representations regarding the proposed recommendation, and
 - (c) consider any such representations which are made.
- (4) Where the Lord Chancellor receives a recommendation from an interested body for an order under section 164(2), the Lord Chancellor must consider whether to follow the recommendation.
- (5) If the Lord Chancellor decides not to follow the recommendation, the Lord Chancellor must publish a notice to that effect which includes the Lord Chancellor's reasons for the decision.
- (6) In this section “interested body” means—
 - (a) the OLC,
 - (b) the Board, or
 - (c) the Consumer Panel.

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166 Operation of voluntary scheme **E+W**

- (1) A complaint may be determined under the voluntary scheme only if—
 - (a) the complainant falls within a class of persons specified in voluntary scheme rules as qualified to make a complaint,
 - (b) the complainant wishes to have the complaint dealt with under the scheme,
 - (c) at the time of the act or omission to which the complaint relates, the respondent was participating in the scheme and voluntary scheme rules were in force in relation to the legal services in question, and
 - (d) at the time the complaint is made under the scheme the respondent has not withdrawn from the scheme in accordance with its provisions.
- (2) A person qualifies for participation in the voluntary scheme if the person falls within a class of persons specified as qualified in voluntary scheme rules.
- (3) In such circumstances as may be specified in voluntary scheme rules, a complaint may be dealt with under the voluntary scheme even though subsection (1)(c) would otherwise prevent that.
- (4) Subsection (3) applies only if the respondent participates in the voluntary scheme on the basis that complaints of that kind are to be dealt with under the scheme.
- (5) Complaints are to be dealt with and determined under the voluntary scheme on standard terms fixed by the OLC with the consent of the Board.
- (6) The OLC may modify standard terms only with the consent of the Board.
- (7) Section 204(3) applies to standard terms as it applies to rules made by the OLC.
- (8) The standard terms may in particular make provision—
 - (a) requiring the making of payments to the OLC by persons participating in the scheme of such amounts, at such times and in such circumstances, as may be determined by the OLC;
 - (b) as to the award of costs on the determination of a complaint (including provision for an award of costs in favour of the OLC for the purpose of providing a contribution to resources deployed in dealing with the complaint).
- (9) In this section “legal services”, “the voluntary scheme” and “voluntary scheme rules” have the same meaning as in section 164.

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Disclosure and use of information

167 Restricted information **E+W**

- (1) Except as provided by section 168, restricted information must not be disclosed—

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- (a) by a restricted person, or
 - (b) by any person who receives the information directly or indirectly from a restricted person.
- (2) In this section and section 168—
- “restricted information” means information (other than excluded information) which is obtained by the Board in the exercise of its functions;
- “restricted person” means—
- (a) the Board (including the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator or a licensing authority),
 - (b) a person who exercises functions delegated under paragraph 23 of Schedule 1 or section 73 or by virtue of section 64(2)(k).
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) “excluded information” means—
- (a) information which is in the form of a summary or collection of information so framed as not to enable information relating to any particular person to be ascertained from it;
 - (b) information which at the time of the disclosure is or has already been made available to the public from other sources;
 - (c) information which was obtained more than 70 years before the date of the disclosure.

Commencement Information

I35 S. 167 wholly in force at 1.1.2010 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#) (as amended (30.9.2011) by S.I. 2011/2196, arts. 1(2), 5) and with [art. 9](#))

168 Disclosure of restricted information E+W

- (1) A restricted person may disclose restricted information to another restricted person.
- (2) Restricted information may be disclosed for the purposes of enabling or assisting the Board to exercise its functions (whether as an approved regulator, a licensing authority or otherwise).
- (3) Section 167 also does not preclude the disclosure of restricted information—
 - (a) where the disclosure is a result of the Board exercising any power to publish information under this Act;
 - (b) for the purposes of enabling or assisting the OLC, ombudsmen or persons who exercise functions delegated under paragraph 22 of Schedule 15, to exercise any of its or their functions,
 - (c) to an approved regulator for the purposes of enabling or assisting the approved regulator to exercise any of its functions,
 - (d) with the consent of the person to whom it relates and (if different) the person from whom the restricted person obtained it,
 - (e) for the purposes of an inquiry with a view to the taking of any criminal proceedings or for the purposes of any such proceedings,
 - (f) where the disclosure is required by or by virtue of any provision made by or under this Act or any other enactment or other rule of law, or

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(g) to such persons (other than approved regulators) who exercise regulatory functions as may be prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor, for such purposes as may be so prescribed.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) are subject to subsection (5).

(5) The Lord Chancellor may by order prevent the disclosure of restricted information by virtue of subsection (2) or (3) in such circumstances, or for such purposes, as may be prescribed in the order.

Commencement Information

I36 S. 168 wholly in force at 1.1.2010 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#) (as amended (30.9.2011) by S.I. 2011/2196, arts. 1(2), 5) and with [art. 9](#))

169 Disclosure of information to the Board **E+W**

(1) Information which is held by or on behalf of a permitted person (whether obtained before or after this section comes into force) may be disclosed to the Board for the purposes of enabling or assisting the Board to exercise its functions (whether as an approved regulator, a licensing authority or otherwise).

(2) A disclosure under this section is not to be taken to breach any restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).

(3) But nothing in this section authorises the making of a disclosure—

- (a) which contravenes the Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29), or
- (b) which is prohibited by Part 1 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23).

(4) This section does not affect a power to disclose which exists apart from this section.

(5) The following are permitted persons—

- (a) a chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales;
- (b) a chief constable of a police force in Scotland;
- (c) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (d) the Director General of the Serious Organised Crime Agency;
- (e) the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
- (f) the Financial Services Authority.

(6) The Lord Chancellor may by order designate as permitted persons other persons who exercise functions which the Lord Chancellor considers are of a public nature (including a person discharging regulatory functions in relation to any description of activities).

(7) Information must not be disclosed under this section on behalf of the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs unless the Commissioners authorise the disclosure.

(8) The power to authorise a disclosure under subsection (7) may be delegated (either generally or for a specific purpose) to an officer of Revenue and Customs.

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I37 S. 169 wholly in force at 1.1.2010 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#) (as amended (30.9.2011) by S.I. 2011/2196, arts. 1(2), 5) and with [art. 9](#))

170 Data protection **E+W**

In section 31 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29) (regulatory activity), after subsection (4A) insert—

“(4B) Personal data processed for the purposes of discharging any function of the Legal Services Board are exempt from the subject information provisions in any case to the extent to which the application of those provisions to the data would be likely to prejudice the proper discharge of the function.”

171 Use of information **E+W**

Information obtained by the Board (whether in its capacity as an approved regulator or licensing authority or otherwise) may be used by the Board for the purposes of, or for any purpose connected with or incidental to, the exercise of its functions.

Commencement Information

I38 S. 171 wholly in force at 1.1.2010 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 3\(2\)](#) (as amended (30.9.2011) by S.I. 2011/2196, arts. 1(2), 5) and with [art. 9](#))

Payments by Lord Chancellor

172 Funding **E+W**

(1) The Lord Chancellor may—

- (a) pay to the Board such sums as the Lord Chancellor may determine as appropriate for the purpose of meeting the expenditure of the Board incurred under or for the purposes of this Act or any other enactment (including any expenditure incurred by it in its capacity as an approved regulator or its capacity as a licensing authority), and
- (b) pay to the OLC such sums as the Lord Chancellor may determine as appropriate for the purposes of meeting the expenditure of the OLC incurred under or for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Lord Chancellor may—

- (a) determine the manner in which and times at which the sums mentioned in subsection (1) are to be paid, and
- (b) impose conditions on the payment of those sums.

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The levy

173 The levy **E+W**

- (1) The Board must make rules providing for the imposition of a levy on leviable bodies for the purpose of raising an amount corresponding to the aggregate of—
 - (a) the leviable Board expenditure,
 - (b) the leviable OLC expenditure, and
 - (c) the leviable Lord Chancellor expenditure.
- (2) A levy imposed under this section is payable to the Board.
- (3) Before making rules under this section, the Board must satisfy itself that the apportionment of the levy as between different leviable bodies will be in accordance with fair principles.
- (4) The Board may not make rules under this section except with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) “Leviable body” means—
 - (a) an approved regulator,
 - (b) the person designated under section 5(1) of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29) (the Regulator in relation to claims management services), or
 - (c) any other person prescribed by the Lord Chancellor by order.
- (6) The “leviable Board expenditure” means the difference between—
 - (a) the expenditure of the Board incurred under or for the purposes of this Act or any other enactment (including any expenditure incurred in connection with its establishment and any expenditure incurred by it in its capacity as an approved regulator or its capacity as a licensing authority), and
 - (b) the aggregate of the amounts which the Board pays into the Consolidated Fund under section 175(1)(a), (c) to (e) and (k) to (m) or by virtue of regulations under paragraph 7(g) of the Schedule to the Compensation Act 2006.
- (7) The “leviable OLC expenditure” means the difference between—
 - (a) the expenditure of the OLC incurred under or for the purposes of this Act (including any expenditure incurred in connection with its establishment), and
 - (b) the aggregate of the amounts which the OLC pays into the Consolidated Fund under section 175(1)(g), (h) or (n).
- (8) But subsection (7)(a) does not include such proportion of the expenditure of the OLC incurred under or for the purposes of this Act as may reasonably be attributed to the exercise of its functions under sections 164 to 166.
- (9) The “leviable Lord Chancellor expenditure” means any expenditure incurred by the Lord Chancellor in connection with the establishment of the Board or the OLC (including expenditure incurred under or for the purposes of paragraph 10 of Schedule 22 (Interim Chief Executive of the OLC)).

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(10) But the leviable Lord Chancellor expenditure does not include any expenditure under section 172 (funding of Board and OLC).

(11) In subsection (5) the reference to “an approved regulator” does not include the Board where it is designated as an approved regulator under section 62.

Commencement Information

I39 S. 173 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 173 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 173(1)(3)-(11) in force at 1.1.2009 by [S.I. 2008/3149](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (subject to [art. 3](#)); s. 173 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

174 The levy: supplementary provisions **E+W**

- (1) In this section—
- “leviable body” has the meaning given by section 173;
 - “the levy” means the levy payable by virtue of that section;
 - “the levy rules” means the rules made in accordance with that section.
- (2) The levy is to be payable at such rate and at such times as may be specified in the levy rules.
- (3) The provision made in the levy rules for determining the amount of the levy payable in respect of a particular period—
- (a) may require account to be taken of estimated as well as actual expenditure and receipts, and
 - (b) must require the Board to obtain the Lord Chancellor's agreement to the amount payable in respect of a particular period.
- (4) The levy rules may provide for different parts of the levy to be payable at different rates.
- (5) Any amount which is owed to the Board in accordance with the levy rules may be recovered as a debt due to the Board.
- (6) The levy rules must require the Board—
- (a) to calculate the amount of the levy payable by each leviable body,
 - (b) to notify each leviable body of its liability to pay an amount of levy and the time or times at which it becomes payable.
- (7) Without prejudice to subsections (2) to (6), the levy rules may—
- (a) make provision about the collection and recovery of the levy;
 - (b) make provision about the circumstances in which any amount of the levy payable may be waived;
 - (c) provide that if the whole or any part of an amount of the levy payable under the levy rules is not paid by the time when it is required to be paid under the rules, the unpaid balance from time to time carries interest at the rate determined by or in accordance with the levy rules.

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- 140** S. 174 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 174 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 174(1)(3)(4)(6)(7) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, **art. 2(f)** (subject to **art. 3**); s. 174 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(e)** (with **art. 9**)

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Payments into the Consolidated Fund

175 Amounts payable into the Consolidated Fund **E+W**

- (1) The following must be paid into the Consolidated Fund—
- (a) any application fee received by the Board;
 - (b) any sum received by the Board under sections 37 to 40 (financial penalties and interest);
 - (c) amounts paid to the Board under section 49(10) or 50(5) (charges for providing draft and final policy statements);
 - (d) any sums received by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator by virtue of rules within section 64(2)(f) (practising fees etc);
 - (e) any sums received by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority by virtue of its licensing rules within paragraph 1, 4, 6, 7 or 21 of Schedule 11 or by virtue of paragraph 17 or 18 of Schedule 14;
 - (f) any sums received by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority under sections 95 to 97 (financial penalties and interest);
 - (g) any charges received by the OLC by virtue of rules under section 136 (charges payable by respondents), together with any interest payable in accordance with those rules;
 - (h) any amount payable to the OLC in accordance with scheme rules within subsection (3)(i) of section 133 (costs of OLC payable by the complainant or the respondent in relation to a complaint), together with any interest payable on such an amount under subsection (6) of that section;
 - (i) any amount payable to the OLC by virtue of standard terms within section 166(8);
 - (j) any sum received by the Board in accordance with rules under section 173 (the levy);
 - (k) amounts paid to the Board under section 162(4)(c) (charges for providing copies of guidance);
 - (l) any amount payable to the Board under arrangements entered into under section 163 (voluntary arrangements);
 - (m) amounts paid to the Board under subsection (8) of section 205 (charges for providing copies of rules and draft rules);
 - (n) amounts paid to the OLC under that subsection.
- (2) In this section “application fee” means a fee within—
- (a) paragraph 3(3)(d) of Schedule 4 (application fees in respect of designation as approved regulator);

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- (b) section 45(3)(b) (application fees in respect of cancellation of designation as approved regulator);
- (c) paragraph 1(4)(d) of Schedule 10 (application fees in respect of designation as licensing authority);
- (d) section 76(3)(b) (application fees in respect of cancellation of designation as licensing authority);
- (e) paragraph 3(4)(c) of Schedule 18 (application fees in respect of designation as qualifying regulator for the purposes of Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)).

Commencement Information

- I41** S. 175 partly in force; s. 175 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 175(1)(c)(k)(m)(n) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(f); s. 175(1)(a)(b)(d)(j)(l)(2)(a)(b) in force at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(e) (with art. 9)

PART 8 E+W+S

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ABOUT LAWYERS ETC

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Duties of regulated persons

176 Duties of regulated persons E+W

- (1) A person who is a regulated person in relation to an approved regulator has a duty to comply with the regulatory arrangements of the approved regulator as they apply to that person.
- (2) A person is a regulated person in relation to an approved regulator if the person—
 - (a) is authorised by the approved regulator to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity, or
 - (b) is not so authorised, but is a manager or employee of a person who is so authorised.
- (3) This section applies in relation to the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority and its licensing rules, as it applies in relation to an approved regulator and its regulatory arrangements.

Commencement Information

- I42** S. 176 partly in force: s. 176 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s 176(1)(2) in force at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(f)(i) (with art. 9)

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Solicitors, the Law Society and the Disciplinary Tribunal

177 The Law Society, solicitors, recognised bodies and foreign lawyers **E+W**

Schedule 16 contains amendments of—

- (a) the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47),
- (b) Part 1 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) (recognised bodies), and
- (c) section 89 of, and Schedule 14 to, the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (foreign lawyers: partnerships and recognised bodies).

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178 The Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal: approval of rules **E+W**

- (1) If the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) makes an alteration of its rules under section 46(9)(b) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (“the tribunal rules”), the alteration does not have effect unless it is approved for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) An alteration is approved for the purposes of this Act if—
 - (a) it is approved by the Board under Part 3 of Schedule 4 (alteration of approved regulator’s regulatory arrangements),
 - (b) it is an exempt alteration, or
 - (c) it is an alteration made in compliance with a direction under section 32 (given by virtue of section 179).
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), paragraphs 20 to 27 of Schedule 4 (procedure for approval of alterations of regulatory arrangements) apply in relation to an application by the Tribunal for approval of an alteration or alterations of the tribunal rules as they apply in relation to an application by an approved regulator for approval of an alteration or alterations of its regulatory arrangements, but as if—
 - (a) paragraph 23 of that Schedule applied in relation to the Law Society as well as the Tribunal,
 - (b) in paragraph 25(3) (grounds for refusal of application), paragraphs (d) and (e) were omitted, and
 - (c) in paragraph 27(3) the reference to section 32 were a reference to that section as applied (with modifications) by section 179.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), an exempt alteration is an alteration which the Board has directed is to be treated as exempt for the purposes of this section.
- (5) A direction under subsection (4) may be specific or general, and must be published by the Board.
- (6) In this section references to an “alteration” of the tribunal rules include the making of such rules and the modification of such rules.

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179 Board's power to give directions to the Tribunal E+W

Sections 32 to 34 and Schedule 7 (Board's powers to give directions) apply in relation to the Tribunal as they apply in relation to an approved regulator, but as if—

- (a) in section 32(1)—
 - (i) paragraphs (a) and (c) were omitted, and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) after “failed” there were inserted “ to perform any of its functions to an adequate standard (or at all) or ”,
- (b) in subsection (4)(b) of that section for “regulatory arrangements” there were substituted “ rules under section 46(9)(b) of the Solicitors Act 1974 ”,
- (c) section 34(3) were omitted, and
- (d) paragraphs 2 and 10 of Schedule 7 applied in relation to the Law Society, as well as the Tribunal, where it is proposed to give the Tribunal a direction under section 32.

180 Functions of the Tribunal E+W

Sections 69 and 70 (modification of functions of approved regulators) apply in relation to the Tribunal as they apply in relation to an approved regulator, but as if—

- (a) for section 69(3) (purpose for which modifying order may be made) there were substituted—
 - “(3) The Board may make a recommendation under this section only with a view to an order being made which enables the Tribunal to carry out its role more effectively or efficiently.”, and
- (b) subsections (4), (5) and (7) of that section were omitted.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 [S. 180](#) modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), [art. 6](#)

Other lawyers

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181 Unqualified person not to pretend to be a barrister E+W

- (1) It is an offence for a person who is not a barrister—
 - (a) wilfully to pretend to be a barrister, or
 - (b) with the intention of implying falsely that that person is a barrister to take or use any name, title or description.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—

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- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (3) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), the reference in subsection (2)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

182 Licensed conveyancers **E+W**

Schedule 17 contains amendments relating to the Council for Licensed Conveyancers, licensed conveyancers and bodies recognised under section 32 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).

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183 Commissioners for oaths **E+W**

- (1) For the purposes of any enactment or instrument (including an enactment passed or instrument made after the passing of this Act) “commissioner for oaths” includes an authorised person in relation to the administration of oaths (“a relevant authorised person”).
- (2) A relevant authorised person has the right to use the title “Commissioner for Oaths”.
- (3) A relevant authorised person may not carry on the administration of oaths in any proceedings in which that person represents any of the parties or is interested.
- (4) A relevant authorised person before whom an oath or affidavit is taken or made must state in the jurat or attestation at which place and on what date the oath or affidavit is taken or made.
- (5) A document containing such a statement and purporting to be sealed or signed by a relevant authorised person must be admitted in evidence without proof of the seal or signature, and without proof that that person is a relevant authorised person.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor may by order prescribe the fees to be charged by relevant authorised persons in respect of the administration of an oath or the taking of an affidavit.
- (7) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under subsection (6) only—
 - (a) after consultation with the Board, and
 - (b) with the consent of the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls.
- (8) In this section “affidavit” has the same meaning as in the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889 (c. 10).

184 Trade mark attorneys **E+W**

- (1) The Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In section 82 (recognition of agents) after “rules” insert “ and subject to the Legal Services Act 2007 ”.
- (3) For section 83 (the register of trade mark agents) substitute—

“83 The register of trade mark attorneys

- (1) There is to continue to be a register of persons who act as agent for others for the purpose of applying for or obtaining the registration of trade marks.
- (2) In this Act a registered trade mark attorney means an individual whose name is entered on the register kept under this section.
- (3) The register is to be kept by the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, by order, amend subsection (3) so as to require the register to be kept by the person specified in the order.
- (5) Before making an order under subsection (4), the Secretary of State must consult the Legal Services Board.
- (6) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (7) An order under this section may not be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

83A Regulation of trade mark attorneys

- (1) The person who keeps the register under section 83 may make regulations which regulate—
 - (a) the keeping of the register and the registration of persons;
 - (b) the carrying on of trade mark agency work by registered persons.
- (2) Those regulations may, amongst other things, make—
 - (a) provision as to the educational and training qualifications, and other requirements, which must be satisfied before an individual may be registered or for an individual to remain registered;
 - (b) provision as to the requirements which must be met by a body (corporate or unincorporate) before it may be registered or for it to remain registered, including provision as to the management and control of the body;
 - (c) provision as to the educational, training or other requirements to be met by regulated persons;
 - (d) provision regulating the practice, conduct and discipline of registered persons or regulated persons;
 - (e) provision authorising in such cases as may be specified in the regulations the erasure from the register of the name of any person registered in it, or the suspension of a person's registration;
 - (f) provision requiring the payment of such fees as may be specified in or determined in accordance with the regulations;
 - (g) provision about the provision to be made by registered persons in respect of complaints made against them;

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- (h) provision about the keeping of records and accounts by registered persons or regulated persons;
 - (i) provision for reviews of or appeals against decisions made under the regulations;
 - (j) provision as to the indemnification of registered persons or regulated persons against losses arising from claims in respect of civil liability incurred by them.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different purposes.
- (4) Regulations under this section which are not regulatory arrangements within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 are to be treated as such arrangements for the purposes of that Act.
- (5) Before the appointed day, regulations under this section may be made only with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (6) The powers conferred to make regulations under this section are not to be taken to prejudice—
 - (a) any other power which the person who keeps the register may have to make rules or regulations (however they may be described and whether they are made under an enactment or otherwise);
 - (b) any rules or regulations made by that person under any such power.
- (7) In this section—
 - “appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007;
 - “manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207);
 - “registered person” means—
 - (a) a registered trade mark attorney, or
 - (b) a body (corporate or unincorporate) registered in the register kept under section 83;
 - “regulated person” means a person who is not a registered person but is a manager or employee of a body which is a registered person;
 - “trade mark agency work” means work done in the course of carrying on the business of acting as agent for others for the purpose of—
 - (a) applying for or obtaining the registration of trade marks in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) conducting proceedings before the Comptroller relating to applications for or otherwise in connection with the registration of trade marks.”
- (4) In section 84 (unregistered persons not to be described as registered trade mark agents)
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 - (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) after “partnership” (in the first place) insert “ or other unincorporated body ”, and
 - (ii) for “all the partners” to the end substitute “ the partnership or other body is registered in the register kept under section 83. ”, and

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- (b) in subsection (3) for “all the directors” to the end substitute “ the body corporate is registered in the register kept under section 83. ”
- (5) Omit section 85 (power to prescribe conditions etc for mixed partnerships and bodies corporate).
- (6) In section 87 (privilege for communications with registered trade mark attorneys), in subsection (3)(c) at the beginning insert “ any other unincorporated body or ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

185 Patent attorneys E+W

- (1) The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 274 (persons permitted to carry on business of a patent agent) in subsection (1) after “this Part” insert “ and to the Legal Services Act 2007 ”.
- (3) For section 275 (the register of patent agents) substitute—

“275 The register of patent attorneys

- (1) There is to continue to be a register of persons who act as agent for others for the purpose of applying for or obtaining patents.
- (2) In this Part a registered patent attorney means an individual whose name is entered on the register kept under this section.
- (3) The register is to be kept by the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, by order, amend subsection (3) so as to require the register to be kept by the person specified in the order.
- (5) Before making an order under subsection (4), the Secretary of State must consult the Legal Services Board.
- (6) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (7) An order under this section may not be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

275A Regulation of patent attorneys

- (1) The person who keeps the register under section 275 may make regulations which regulate—
 - (a) the keeping of the register and the registration of persons;
 - (b) the carrying on of patent attorney work by registered persons.
- (2) Those regulations may, amongst other things, make—
 - (a) provision as to the educational and training qualifications, and other requirements, which must be satisfied before an individual may be registered or for an individual to remain registered;
 - (b) provision as to the requirements which must be met by a body (corporate or unincorporate) before it may be registered, or for it

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- to remain registered, including provision as to the management and control of the body;
- (c) provision as to the educational, training and other requirements to be met by regulated persons;
 - (d) provision regulating the practice, conduct and discipline of registered persons or regulated persons;
 - (e) provision authorising in such cases as may be specified in the regulations the erasure from the register of the name of any person registered in it, or the suspension of a person's registration;
 - (f) provision requiring the payment of such fees as may be specified in or determined in accordance with the regulations;
 - (g) provision about the provision to be made by registered persons in respect of complaints made against them;
 - (h) provision about the keeping by registered persons or regulated persons of records and accounts;
 - (i) provision for reviews of or appeals against decisions made under the regulations;
 - (j) provision as to the indemnification of registered persons or regulated persons against losses arising from claims in respect of civil liability incurred by them.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different purposes.
- (4) Regulations under this section which are not regulatory arrangements within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 are to be treated as such arrangements for the purposes of that Act.
- (5) Before the appointed day, regulations under this section may be made only with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (6) The powers conferred to make regulations under this section are not to be taken to prejudice—
- (a) any other power which the person who keeps the register may have to make rules or regulations (however they may be described and whether they are made under an enactment or otherwise);
 - (b) any rules or regulations made by that person under any such power.
- (7) In this section—
- “appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007;
- “manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207);
- “patent attorney work” means work done in the course of carrying on the business of acting as agent for others for the purpose of—
- (a) applying for or obtaining patents, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, or
 - (b) conducting proceedings before the comptroller relating to applications for, or otherwise in connection with, patents;
- “registered person” means—
- (a) a registered patent attorney, or

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- (b) a body (corporate or unincorporate) registered in the register kept under section 275;
 “regulated person” means a person who is not a registered person but is a manager or employee of a body which is a registered person.”
- (4) In section 276 (persons entitled to describe themselves as patent attorneys)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
- (i) after “partnership” (in the first place) insert “ or other unincorporated body ”, and
- (ii) for “all the partners” to the end substitute “ the partnership or other body is registered in the register kept under section 275 ”, and
- (b) in subsection (3) for “all the directors” to the end substitute “ the body corporate is registered in the register kept under section 275. ”
- (5) Omit section 279 (power to prescribe conditions etc for mixed partnerships and bodies corporate).
- (6) In section 280 (privilege for communications with patent agents), in subsection (3), at the end of paragraph (b) insert—
- “(ba) an unincorporated body (other than a partnership) entitled to describe itself as a patent attorney, or”.

VALID FROM 01/04/2011

186 Immigration advisers and immigration service providers E+W

- (1) Schedule 18 makes provision relating to Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (immigration advisers and immigration service providers).
- (2) In that Schedule—
- (a) Part 1 makes provision for approved regulators to become qualifying regulators for the purposes of Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
- (b) Part 2 contains amendments of that Act (which amongst other things enable persons authorised by qualifying regulators to provide immigration advice and immigration services in England and Wales), and
- (c) Part 3 makes provision for certain persons to be treated, during a transitional period, as authorised by qualifying regulators to provide such advice and services.

187 Claims management services E+W

Schedule 19 contains amendments of Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29) (claims management services).

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Advocates and litigators

188 Duties of advocates and litigators **E+W**

- (1) This section applies to a person who—
 - (a) exercises before any court a right of audience, or
 - (b) conducts litigation in relation to proceedings in any court,by virtue of being an authorised person in relation to the activity in question.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies has a duty to the court in question to act with independence in the interests of justice.
- (3) That duty, and the duty to comply with relevant conduct rules imposed on the person by section 176(1), override any obligations which the person may have (otherwise than under the criminal law) if they are inconsistent with them.
- (4) “Relevant conduct rules” are the conduct rules of the relevant authorising body which relate to the exercise of a right of audience or the conduct of litigation.
- (5) The relevant authorising body is—
 - (a) the approved regulator by which the person is authorised to exercise the right of audience or conduct the litigation, or
 - (b) where the person is authorised to exercise the right of audience or conduct the litigation by the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority, the Board.

189 Employed advocates **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an authorised person in relation to the exercise of a right of audience is employed as a Crown Prosecutor or in any other description of employment.
- (2) Qualification regulations or conduct rules of the approved regulator by whom the person is authorised to carry on that activity which relate to the right of audience do not have effect in relation to the person if—
 - (a) they—
 - (i) limit the courts before which, or proceedings in which, that activity may be carried on by persons who are employed, or
 - (ii) limit the circumstances in which that activity may be carried on by persons who are employed by requiring such persons to be accompanied by some other person when carrying on that activity, and
 - (b) they do not impose the same limitation on persons who are authorised persons in relation to the activity in question but are not employed.

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Legal professional privilege

190 Legal professional privilege E+W

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where an individual (“P”) who is not a barrister or solicitor—
 - (a) provides advocacy services as an authorised person in relation to the exercise of rights of audience,
 - (b) provides litigation services as an authorised person in relation to the conduct of litigation,
 - (c) provides conveyancing services as an authorised person in relation to reserved instrument activities, or
 - (d) provides probate services as an authorised person in relation to probate activities.
- (2) Any communication, document, material or information relating to the provision of the services in question is privileged from disclosure in like manner as if P had at all material times been acting as P's client's solicitor.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where—
 - (a) a licensed body provides services to a client, and
 - (b) the individual (“E”) through whom the body provides those services—
 - (i) is a relevant lawyer, or
 - (ii) acts at the direction and under the supervision of a relevant lawyer (“the supervisor”).
- (4) Any communication, document, material or information relating to the provision of the services in question is privileged from disclosure only if, and to the extent that, it would have been privileged from disclosure if—
 - (a) the services had been provided by E or, if E is not a relevant lawyer, by the supervisor, and
 - (b) at all material times the client had been the client of E or, if E is not a relevant lawyer, of the supervisor.
- (5) “Relevant lawyer” means an individual who is—
 - (a) a solicitor;
 - (b) a barrister;
 - (c) a solicitor in Scotland;
 - (d) an advocate in Scotland;
 - (e) a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland;
 - (f) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland;
 - (g) a registered foreign lawyer (within the meaning of section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41));
 - (h) an individual not within paragraphs (a) to (g) who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity; or
 - (i) a European lawyer (within the meaning of the European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1910)).
- (6) In this section—

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“advocacy services” means any services which it would be reasonable to expect a person who is exercising, or contemplating exercising, a right of audience in relation to any proceedings, or contemplated proceedings, to provide;

“litigation services” means any services which it would be reasonable to expect a person who is exercising, or contemplating exercising, a right to conduct litigation in relation to any proceedings, or contemplated proceedings, to provide;

“conveyancing services” means the preparation of transfers, conveyances, contracts and other documents in connection with, and other services ancillary to, the disposition or acquisition of estates or interests in land;

“probate services” means the preparation of any papers on which to found or oppose a grant of probate or a grant of letters of administration and the administration of the estate of a deceased person.

- (7) This section is without prejudice to any other enactment or rule of law by virtue of which a communication, a document, material or information is privileged from disclosure.

PROSPECTIVE

Employees of housing management bodies

191 Rights of audience etc of employees of housing management bodies **E+W**

After section 60 of the County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28) insert—

“60A Rights of audience etc of employees of housing management bodies

- (1) An employee of a housing management body who is authorised by that body for the purposes of this section has—
- (a) a right of audience in relation to any proceedings to which this section applies, and
 - (b) a right to conduct litigation in relation to any such proceedings.
- (2) This section applies to relevant housing proceedings in a county court before a district judge which are brought—
- (a) in the name of a local housing authority, and
 - (b) by the housing management body in the exercise of functions of that local housing authority delegated to that body under a housing management agreement.
- (3) “Relevant housing proceedings” are—
- (a) proceedings under section 82A of the Housing Act 1985 (demotion because of anti-social behaviour);
 - (b) proceedings for possession of a dwelling-house subject to a secure tenancy, where possession is sought on ground 2 in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to that Act (anti-social behaviour);
 - (c) proceedings for possession of a dwelling-house subject to a demoted tenancy;

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- (d) proceedings for a suspension order under section 121A of the Housing Act 1985 (suspension of right to buy);
 - (e) proceedings under section 153A, 153B or 153D of the Housing Act 1996 (injunctions against anti-social behaviour);
 - (f) proceedings for the attachment of a power of arrest to an injunction by virtue of section 91(2) of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 or section 27(2) of the Police and Justice Act 2006 (proceedings under section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972: power of arrest attached to injunction);
 - (g) at a hearing at which a decision is made in relation to proceedings within paragraphs (a) to (f), proceedings for permission to appeal against that decision;
 - (h) such other proceedings as the Lord Chancellor may prescribe by order.
- (4) An authorisation for the purposes of this section must be in writing.
- (5) The power to make an order under subsection (3)(h) is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) In subsection (3)(e) the reference to section 153A of the Housing Act 1996 is a reference to that section—
- (a) as inserted by section 13 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, or
 - (b) as substituted by section 26 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- (7) In this section—
- “dwelling-house” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Housing Act 1985;
- “housing management agreement” means an agreement under section 27 of the Housing Act 1985 (including an agreement to which section 27B(2) or (3) of that Act applies);
- “housing management body” means a person who exercises management functions of a local housing authority by virtue of a housing management agreement;
- “local housing authority” has the same meaning as in section 27 of the Housing Act 1985;
- “right of audience” means the right to appear before and address a court, including the right to call and examine witnesses;
- “right to conduct litigation” means the right—
- (a) to issue proceedings before any court in England and Wales,
 - (b) to commence, prosecute and defend such proceedings, and
 - (c) to perform any ancillary functions in relation to such proceedings (such as entering appearances to actions);
- “secure tenancy” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Housing Act 1985.”

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Savings

192 Powers of court in respect of rights of audience and conduct of litigation **E**

+W

- (1) Nothing in this Act affects the power of any court in any proceedings to refuse to hear a person (for reasons which apply to that person as an individual) who would otherwise have a right of audience before the court in relation to those proceedings.
- (2) Where a court refuses to hear a person as mentioned in subsection (1), it must give its reasons for refusing.
- (3) Where—
 - (a) immediately before the commencement of section 13 (entitlement to carry on reserved legal activities), or
 - (b) by virtue of any provision made by or under an enactment passed subsequently,a court does not permit the appearance of advocates, or permits the appearance of advocates only with leave, no person may exercise a right of audience before the court, in relation to any proceedings, solely by virtue of being entitled to do so under this Act.
- (4) But a court may not limit the right to appear before the court in any proceedings to only some of those who are entitled to exercise that right by virtue of this Act.
- (5) A court may not limit the right to conduct litigation in relation to proceedings before the court to only some of those who are entitled to exercise that right by virtue of this Act.
- (6) In this section “advocate”, in relation to any proceedings, means a person exercising a right of audience as a representative of, or on behalf of, any party to the proceedings.

193 Solicitors to public departments and the City of London **E+W**

- (1) Nothing in this Act is to prejudice or affect any rights or privileges of—
 - (a) the Treasury Solicitor,
 - (b) the solicitor to any other public department,
 - (c) the solicitor to the Church Commissioners, or
 - (d) the solicitor to the Duchy of Cornwall.
- (2) Nothing in this Act requires a person to whom subsection (1) applies, or any clerk or officer appointed to act for such a person, to be entitled to carry on an activity which is a reserved legal activity in any case where, by virtue of section 88(1) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47), it would not have been necessary for that person to be admitted and enrolled and to hold a practising certificate under that Act if this Act had not been passed.
- (3) Nothing in this Act is to prejudice or affect any rights or privileges which immediately before the commencement of this Act attached to the office of Solicitor of the City of London.

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- (4) Nothing in section 17 (offence to pretend to be entitled) applies to a person to whom subsection (1) applies, or any clerk or officer appointed to act for such a person, or to the Solicitor of the City of London.
- (5) A person who—
 - (a) exercises before any court a right of audience, or
 - (b) conducts litigation in relation to proceedings in any court,
 by virtue of this section has a duty to the court in question to act with independence in the interests of justice.
- (6) That duty overrides any obligations which the person may have (otherwise than under the criminal law) if it is inconsistent with them.

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

Pro bono representation

194 Payments in respect of pro bono representation E+W

- (1) This section applies to proceedings in a civil court in which—
 - (a) a party to the proceedings (“P”) is or was represented by a legal representative (“R”), and
 - (b) R's representation of P is or was provided free of charge, in whole or in part.
- (2) This section applies to such proceedings even if P is or was also represented by a legal representative not acting free of charge.
- (3) The court may order any person to make a payment to the prescribed charity in respect of R's representation of P (or, if only part of R's representation of P was provided free of charge, in respect of that part).
- (4) In considering whether to make such an order and the terms of such an order, the court must have regard to—
 - (a) whether, had R's representation of P not been provided free of charge, it would have ordered the person to make a payment to P in respect of the costs payable to R by P in respect of that representation, and
 - (b) if it would, what the terms of the order would have been.
- (5) The court may not make an order under subsection (3) against a person represented in the proceedings if the person's representation was at all times within subsection (6).
- (6) Representation is within this subsection if it is—
 - (a) provided by a legal representative acting free of charge, or
 - (b) funded by the Legal Services Commission as part of the Community Legal Service.
- (7) Rules of court may make further provision as to the making of orders under subsection (3), and may in particular—
 - (a) provide that such orders may not be made in civil proceedings of a description specified in the rules;
 - (b) make provision about the procedure to be followed in relation to such orders;

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- (c) specify matters (in addition to those mentioned in subsection (4)) to which the court must have regard in deciding whether to make such an order, and the terms of any order.
- (8) “The prescribed charity” means the charity prescribed by order made by the Lord Chancellor.
- (9) An order under subsection (8) may only prescribe a charity which—
- (a) is registered in accordance with section 3A of the Charities Act 1993 (c. 10), and
 - (b) provides financial support to persons who provide, or organise or facilitate the provision of, legal advice or assistance (by way of representation or otherwise) which is free of charge.
- (10) In this section—
- “legal representative”, in relation to a party to proceedings, means a person exercising a right of audience or conducting litigation on the party's behalf;
 - “civil court” means the civil division of the Court of Appeal, the High Court, or any county court;
 - “free of charge” means otherwise than for or in expectation of fee, gain or reward.
- (11) The court may not make an order under subsection (3) in respect of representation if (or to the extent that) it is provided before this section comes into force.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 S. 194(9)(a) modified (temp.) (31.7.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Transitory Provision\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1799\)](#) , [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

I43 S. 194 wholly in force at 1.10.2008; s. 194 not in force at Royal assent see. s. 211; s. 194(8)(9) in force and s. 194(10) in force for certain purposes at 30.6.2008 and s. 194 in force at 1.10.2008 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2008/1436](#) , [arts. 2\(a\)](#) , [3\(a\)](#)

VALID FROM 14/10/2008

Scotland

195 Application of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 **S**

- (1) The Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 5) (“the 2007 Act”) applies to—
- (a) any element of a complaint relating to,
 - (b) the provision by a practitioner of,
- the advice, services and activities mentioned in subsection (2) as it applies to any other advice, services and activities provided by a practitioner.
- (2) The advice, services and activities are—

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- (a) activities carried out by virtue of a group licence issued under section 22(1) (b) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39);
 - (b) activities of an insolvency practitioner within the meaning of Part 13 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45);
 - (c) activities mentioned in paragraph (a) of paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3 to the Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60);
 - (d) immigration advice or immigration services;
 - (e) regulated activity within the meaning of section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8), other than activity falling within paragraph (f) below, in respect of which the Financial Services Authority has by virtue of Part 20 of that Act arranged for its regulatory role to be carried out by the Law Society of Scotland;
 - (f) exempt regulated activities within the meaning of section 325(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
- (3) In subsection (1), “complaint” and “practitioner” have the same meaning as in Part 1 of the 2007 Act.
- (4) Omit section 77 of the 2007 Act (advice services and activities to which Act does not apply).
- (5) Schedule 20 contains minor and consequential amendments in connection with the application of the 2007 Act by virtue of this section.

196 Scottish legal services ombudsman: functions E+W+S

- (1) The functions of the Scottish legal services ombudsman cease to be exercisable in relation to the advice, services and activities mentioned in section 195(2).
- (2) In the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)—
- (a) in section 86(4)(c) (designated professional bodies), for “Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman” substitute “ Scottish Legal Complaints Commission ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph 4(2)(c) of Schedule 5 (the Immigration Services Commissioner), for “Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman” substitute “ Scottish Legal Complaints Commission ”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** S. 196(1) excluded (1.10.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Transitional, Savings and Consequential Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2341\)](#), **art. 3(1)**

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PART 9 **E+W+S**

GENERAL

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

Offences

197 Offences committed by bodies corporate and unincorporated bodies **E+W+S**

- (1) Where an offence committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of an officer of the body corporate, that officer (as well as the body corporate) is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with the member's functions of management as it applies to an officer of the body corporate.
- (3) Proceedings for an offence alleged to have been committed by an unincorporated body are to be brought in the name of that body (and not in that of any of its members) and, for the purposes of any such proceedings, any rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if that body were a corporation.
- (4) A fine imposed on an unincorporated body on its conviction of an offence is to be paid out of the funds of that body.
- (5) If an unincorporated body is charged with an offence, section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 (c. 86) and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) (procedure on charge of an offence against a corporation) have effect in like manner as in the case of a corporation so charged.
- (6) Where an offence committed by an unincorporated body (other than a partnership) is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer of the body or any member of its governing body, that officer or member as well as the unincorporated body is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (7) Where an offence committed by a partnership is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a partner, that partner as well as the partnership is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (8) In this section—
 - “offence” means an offence under this Act;
 - “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means—
 - (a) any director, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
 - (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity.

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198 Local weights and measures authorities **E+W+S**

- (1) A local weights and measures authority may institute proceedings for an offence under section 14 if the activity which it is alleged that the accused was not entitled to carry on constitutes reserved instrument activities.
- (2) A local weights and measures authority may institute proceedings for an offence under section 16 if the activity which it is alleged that E was not entitled to carry on constitutes reserved instrument activities.
 “E” has the same meaning as in that section.
- (3) In this section—
 - “relevant offence” means an offence in relation to which proceedings may be instituted by virtue of subsection (1) or (2);
 - “weights and measures officer” means an officer of a local weights and measures authority who is authorised by the authority to exercise the powers conferred by subsection (4).
- (4) A weights and measures officer who has reasonable cause to suspect that a relevant offence may have been committed may, at any reasonable time—
 - (a) enter any premises which are not used solely as a dwelling;
 - (b) require any officer, agent or other competent person on the premises who is, or may be, in possession of information relevant to an investigation of the suspected offence to provide such information;
 - (c) require the production of any document which may be relevant to such an investigation;
 - (d) take copies, or extracts, of any such documents;
 - (e) seize and retain any document which the weights and measures officer has reason to believe may be required as evidence in proceedings for a relevant offence.
- (5) Any person exercising a power given by subsection (4) must, if asked to do so, produce evidence that that person is a weights and measures officer.
- (6) A justice of the peace may issue a warrant under this section if satisfied, on information on oath given by a weights and measures officer, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a relevant offence may have been committed and that—
 - (a) entry to the premises concerned, or production of any documents which may be relevant to an investigation of the relevant offence, has been or is likely to be refused to a weights and measures officer, or
 - (b) there is reasonable cause to believe that, if production of any such document were to be required by the weights and measures officer without a warrant having been issued under this section, the document would not be produced but would be removed from the premises or hidden, tampered with or destroyed.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section must authorise the weights and measures officer accompanied, where that officer considers it appropriate, by a constable or other person—
 - (a) to enter the premises specified in the information, using such force as is reasonably necessary, and
 - (b) to exercise any of the powers given to the weights and measures officer by subsection (4).

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- (8) It is an offence for a person (“P”)—
- (a) intentionally to obstruct a weights and measures officer in the exercise of any power under this section;
 - (b) intentionally to fail to comply with any requirement properly imposed on P by a weights and measures officer in the exercise of any such power;
 - (c) to fail, without reasonable excuse, to give a weights and measures officer any assistance or information which the weights and measures officer may reasonably require of P for the purpose of exercising any such power; or
 - (d) in giving to a weights and measures officer any information which P has been required to give a weights and measures officer exercising any such power, to make any statement which P knows to be false or misleading in a material particular.
- (9) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (8) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (10) Nothing in this section is to be taken to require any person to answer any question put to that person by a weights and measures officer, or to give any information to such an officer, if to do so might incriminate that person.

Protected functions of the Lord Chancellor

199 Protected functions of the Lord Chancellor **E+W+S**

(1) Schedule 7 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) (protected functions of the Lord Chancellor) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph 3 insert—

“3A Any function of the Lord Chancellor under the Legal Services Act 2007.”

(3) Part A of paragraph 4 is amended in accordance with subsections (4) to (7).

(4) After the entry for the Juries Act 1974 (c. 23), insert—

“Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47)

Section 56”.

(5) After the entry for the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985 (c. 17), insert—

“Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61)

Section 9(7)

Section 69(2)

Schedule 3”.

(6) In the entry for the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)—

(a) after “Section 1” insert—

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“Section 53

Section 60”, and

(b) after “Section 72” insert—

“Section 89

Section 125(4)

Schedule 19, paragraph 17”.

(7) After the entry for the Finance Act 1999 (c. 16), insert—

“Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22)

Section 45”.

Commencement Information

I44 S. 199 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 199 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 199(1)(2) in force at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(g); s.199(4)(5)(6)(b) in force for certain purposes at 30.6.2008 by S.I. 2008/1436, art. 2(b); s. 199(3)(5)(6)(b) in force and s. 199(6)(a) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(a); s. 199 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(g) (with art. 9)

Notices etc

200 Notices and directions **E+W+S**

- (1) A requirement or power under this Act to give a notice (or to notify) is a requirement or power to give notice in writing.
- (2) A requirement or power under this Act to give a direction (or to direct) is a requirement or power to give a direction in writing.
- (3) Any power conferred by this Act to give a direction includes power to revoke the direction.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to the power conferred on an ombudsman to give a direction under section 137 (directions on a determination of a complaint).

Commencement Information

I45 S. 200 wholly in force at 1.1.2009; s. 200 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 200(1) in force at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(g); s. 200(2)-(4) in force at 1.1.2009 by S.I. 2008/3149, art. 2(f)

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201 Documents **E+W+S**

- (1) In this Act “document” includes anything in which information is recorded in any form.

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- (2) In relation to a document in which information is recorded otherwise than in a legible form, any reference to the production of the document is a reference to the production of the information in a legible form or in a form from which it can readily be produced in a legible form.

VALID FROM 01/01/2009

202 The giving of notices, directions and other documents **E+W+S**

- (1) This section applies where provision made (in whatever terms) by or under this Act authorises or requires a notice, direction or any other document (including a copy of a document) to be given to a person.
- (2) The notice, direction or document may be given to the person—
- (a) by delivering it to the person,
 - (b) by leaving it at the person's proper address, or
 - (c) by sending it by post to the person at that address.
- (3) The notice, direction or document may be given to a body corporate by being given to the secretary or clerk of that body.
- (4) The notice, direction or document may be given to a partnership by being given to—
- (a) a partner in the partnership, or
 - (b) a person having the control or management of the partnership business.
- (5) The notice, direction or document may be given to any other unincorporated body by being given to a member of the governing body of the unincorporated body.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, and section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) (service of documents by post) in its application to this section, the proper address of a person is—
- (a) in the case of a body corporate, the address of the registered or principal office of the body;
 - (b) in the case of a partnership, or any other unincorporated body, the address of the principal office of the partnership or body;
 - (c) in the case of a person to whom the notice or other document is given in reliance on any of subsections (3) to (5), the proper address of the body corporate, partnership or other unincorporated body in question;
 - (d) in any other case, the last known address of the person in question.
- (7) In the case of—
- (a) a company registered outside the United Kingdom,
 - (b) a partnership carrying on business outside the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) any other unincorporated body with offices outside the United Kingdom,
- the references in subsection (6) to its principal office include references to its principal office within the United Kingdom (if any).
- (8) This section has effect subject to section 203 (notices, directions and documents in electronic form).

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203 The giving of notices, directions and other documents in electronic form E

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- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) section 202 authorises the giving of a notice, direction or other document by its delivery to a particular person (“the recipient”), and
 - (b) the notice, direction or other document is transmitted to the recipient—
 - (i) by means of an electronic communications network, or
 - (ii) by other means but in a form that nevertheless requires the use of apparatus by the recipient to render it intelligible.
- (2) The transmission has effect for the purposes of this Act as a delivery of the notice, direction or other document to the recipient, but only if the requirements imposed by or under this section are complied with.
- (3) Where the recipient is the Board, the OLC or an ombudsman—
 - (a) the recipient must have indicated its willingness to receive the notice, direction or other document in a manner mentioned in subsection (1)(b),
 - (b) the transmission must be made in such manner, and satisfy such other conditions as the recipient may require, and
 - (c) the notice, direction or other document must take such form as the recipient may require.
- (4) Where the person making the transmission is the Board, the OLC or an ombudsman, that person may (subject to subsection (5)) determine—
 - (a) the manner in which the transmission is made, and
 - (b) the form in which the notice, direction or other document is transmitted.
- (5) Where the recipient is a person other than the Board, the OLC or an ombudsman—
 - (a) the recipient, or
 - (b) the person on whose behalf the recipient receives the notice, direction or other document,
 must have indicated to the person making the transmission the recipient's willingness to receive notices, directions or other documents transmitted in the form and manner used.
- (6) An indication to any person for the purposes of subsection (5)—
 - (a) must be given to that person in such manner as that person may require;
 - (b) may be a general indication or one that is limited to notices or documents of particular descriptions;
 - (c) must state the address to be used and must be accompanied by such other information as that person requires for the making of the transmission;
 - (d) may be modified or withdrawn at any time by a notice given to that person in such manner as that person may require.
- (7) An indication, requirement or determination given, imposed or made by the Board, the OLC or an ombudsman for the purposes of this section is to be given, imposed or made by being published by that person.

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- (8) In this section “electronic communications network” has the same meaning as in the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21).

Orders, rules etc

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204 Orders, regulations and rules **E+W+S**

- (1) Any order or regulations made by the Lord Chancellor under this Act must be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any rules made by the Board under section 37(4), 95(3) or 173 must be made by statutory instrument, and the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (c. 36) applies to the Board's powers to make rules under those sections as if the Board were a Minister of the Crown.
- (3) An instrument to which this subsection applies may—
 - (a) provide for a person to exercise a discretion in dealing with any matter;
 - (b) include incidental, supplementary and consequential provision;
 - (c) make transitory or transitional provision and savings;
 - (d) make provision generally or subject to exceptions or only in relation to specified cases;
 - (e) make different provision for different cases or circumstances or for different purposes.
- (4) Subsection (3) applies to—
 - (a) any order or regulations made by the Lord Chancellor,
 - (b) any rules or regulations made by the Board, and
 - (c) any rules made by the OLC,under or by virtue of this Act.

Commencement Information

I46 S. 204 partly in force; s. 204 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 204(1)(3)(4)(a) in force at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(g)

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205 Consultation requirements for rules **E+W+S**

- (1) This section applies in relation to—
 - (a) rules made by the Board under this Act, and
 - (b) rules made by the OLC under Part 6,other than excluded rules.

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- (2) If the Board or the OLC (“the rule-making body”) proposes to make any rules, it must publish a draft of the proposed rules.
- (3) The draft must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about the proposals may be made to the rule-making body within the period specified in the notice.
- (4) Before making the rules, the rule-making body must have regard to any representations duly made.
- (5) If the rules differ from the draft published under subsection (2) in a way which is, in the opinion of the rule-making body, material, it must publish details of the differences.
- (6) The rule-making body must publish any rules it makes, and rules may not take effect before the time they are published.
- (7) Subsection (6) does not apply to rules made by the Board under section 37(4), 95(3) or 173.
- (8) The rule-making body may make a reasonable charge for providing a person with a copy of—
 - (a) a draft published under subsection (2), or
 - (b) rules published under subsection (6).
- (9) In this section “excluded rules” means—
 - (a) rules of procedure made by the Board for the purposes of paragraph 21 of Schedule 1,
 - (b) rules made by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator or a licensing authority, and
 - (c) rules of procedure made by the OLC for the purposes of paragraph 20 of Schedule 15;

and references to making rules include references to modifying the rules and, in relation to any modifications of rules, references to the proposed rules are to be read as references to the proposed modifications.
- (10) This section is subject to section 156(3) (which disapplies this section to OLC rules made in response to a Board direction under section 156(1)(b)).

206 Parliamentary control of orders and regulations **E+W+S**

- (1) A statutory instrument containing an order or regulations made by the Lord Chancellor under this Act is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to an order if it contains only provision made under one or more of the following—
 - (a) section 23(3)(b) (day appointed as end of transitional period relating to non-commercial bodies);
 - (b) section 30(4) (appointed day before which first set of rules must be made under section 30);

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- (c) section 211 (commencement);
 - (d) paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 5 (day appointed as end of transitional period during which rights conferred by virtue of Part 2 of that Schedule);
 - (e) paragraph 18(1)(b) of Schedule 18 (day appointed as end of transitional period during which rights conferred by virtue of Part 3 of that Schedule).
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply to an order or regulations which contains (whether alone or together with other provision) provision made under any of the following—
- (a) section 24(1) (orders adding to reserved legal activities);
 - (b) section 25(1) or (3) (provisional designation of approved regulators);
 - (c) section 42(6) (regulations relating to warrants under section 42);
 - (d) section 45(1) (cancellation of designation as approved regulator);
 - (e) section 46 (transitional arrangements following cancellation under section 45);
 - (f) section 48(6) (regulations relating to warrants under section 48);
 - (g) section 62(1) (power to designate Board as an approved regulator, modify its functions or cancel its designation);
 - (h) section 69(1) (modification of functions of approved regulators etc);
 - (i) section 76(1) (cancellation of designation as licensing authority);
 - (j) section 77 (transitional arrangements following cancellation under section 76);
 - (k) section 79(6) (regulations relating to warrants under section 79);
 - (l) section 80(1) (order establishing appellate body etc);
 - (m) section 106(1)(e) (power to prescribe bodies as bodies to which section 106 applies);
 - (n) section 109 (power to modify application of Part 5 to foreign bodies);
 - (o) section 173(5)(c) (power to prescribe persons as leviable bodies);
 - (p) section 207(5) (power to modify definition of “manager” in its application to foreign bodies);
 - (q) section 208(3) (power to make consequential provision etc by amending enactments);
 - (r) paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 3 (modification of exempt persons);
 - (s) paragraph 17 of Schedule 4 (designation of approved regulators);
 - (t) paragraph 9 of Schedule 13 (power to modify definitions of “material interest” and “associates”);
 - (u) paragraph 2 of Schedule 22 (transitory power to modify functions of designated regulators etc).
- (5) An order or regulations within subsection (4) may not be made unless a draft of the order or regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing rules made by the Board under section 37(4), 95(3) or 173 is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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Interpretation

207 Interpretation **E+W+S**

(1) In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—

“barrister” means an individual who—

- (a) has been called to the Bar by an Inn of Court, and
- (b) is not disbarred by order of an Inn of Court;

“consumers” means (subject to subsection (3)) persons—

- (a) who use, have used or are or may be contemplating using, services within subsection (2),
- (b) who have rights or interests which are derived from, or are otherwise attributable to, the use of such services by other persons, or
- (c) who have rights or interests which may be adversely affected by the use of such services by persons acting on their behalf or in a fiduciary capacity in relation to them;

“conveyancing services” has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) (licensed conveyancing) (see section 11(3) of that Act);

“court” includes—

- (a) a tribunal that is (to any extent) a listed tribunal for, or for any of, the purposes of Schedule 7 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (functions etc of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council);
- (b) a court-martial;
- (c) a statutory inquiry within the meaning of section 16(1) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53);
- (d) an ecclesiastical court (including the Court of Faculties);

“functions” includes powers and duties;

“immigration advice” and “immigration services” have the meaning given by section 82 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (interpretation of Part 5) (see also subsection (4) below);

“independent trade union” has the same meaning as in the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52) (see section 5 of that Act);

“manager”, in relation to a body, means (subject to subsection (5)) a person who—

- (a) if the body is a body corporate whose affairs are managed by its members, is a member of the body,
- (b) if the body is a body corporate and paragraph (a) does not apply, is a director of the body,
- (c) if the body is a partnership, is a partner, and
- (d) if the body is an unincorporated body (other than a partnership), is a member of its governing body;

“modify” includes amend, add to or revoke, and references to “modifications” are to be construed accordingly;

“non-commercial legal services” means—

- (a) legal services carried on otherwise than with a view to profit;
- (b) legal services carried on by a not for profit body, a community interest company or an independent trade union;

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“not for profit body” means a body which, by or by virtue of its constitution or any enactment—

- (a) is required (after payment of outgoings) to apply the whole of its income, and any capital which it expends, for charitable or public purposes, and
- (b) is prohibited from directly or indirectly distributing amongst its members any part of its assets (otherwise than for charitable or public purposes);

“the OFT” means the Office of Fair Trading;

“person” includes a body of persons (corporate or unincorporate);

“reserved legal services” means services provided by a person which consist of or include reserved legal activities carried on by, or on behalf of, that person;

“solicitor” means solicitor of the Senior Courts.

(2) The services within this subsection are—

- (a) any services provided by a person who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, and
- (b) any other services provided by a person which consist of or include a legal activity carried on by, or on behalf of, that person.

(3) For the purposes of the definition of “consumers” in subsection (1)—

- (a) if a person (“A”) is carrying on an activity in A's capacity as a trustee, the persons who are, have been or may be beneficiaries of the trust are to be treated as persons who use, have used or are or may be contemplating using services provided by A in A's carrying on of that activity, and
- (b) a person who deals with another person (“B”) in the course of B's carrying on of an activity is to be treated as using services provided by B in carrying on that activity.

(4) The references in this Act (other than section 195) to the provision of immigration advice or immigration services are to the provision of such advice or services by a person—

- (a) in England and Wales (regardless of whether the persons to whom they are provided are in England and Wales or elsewhere), and
- (b) in the course of a business carried on (whether or not for profit) by the person or another person.

(5) The Lord Chancellor may by order make provision modifying the definition of “manager” in its application to a body of persons formed under, or in so far as the body is recognised by, law having effect outside England and Wales.

(6) In this section “enactment” means a provision of—

- (a) an Act of Parliament;
- (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (c) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales;
- (d) Northern Ireland legislation.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C10 S. 207 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), **art. 7(1)**

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Commencement Information

I47 S. 207 wholly in force; s. 207 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 207 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222, art. 3](#); s. 207(1)(5) in force for certain purposes at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436, art. 2\(c\)](#); s. 207 in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503, art. 2\(a\)](#); s. 207 in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2\(g\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

Miscellaneous and supplementary

208 Minor and consequential provision etc **E+W+S**

- (1) Schedule 21 contains minor and consequential amendments.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may by order make any supplementary, incidental or consequential provision and any transitory, transitional or saving provision which the Lord Chancellor considers necessary or expedient—
 - (a) for the general purposes, or any particular purpose, of this Act, or
 - (b) in consequence of any provision made by or under it or for giving full effect to it.
- (3) An order under this section may make provision amending, repealing or revoking (with or without savings) any provision of—
 - (a) an Act passed before or in the same session as this Act, or
 - (b) an instrument made under an Act before the passing of this Act.
- (4) An order under this section may make such adaptations of provisions of this Act brought into force as appear to be necessary or expedient in consequence of other provisions of this Act not yet having come into force.
- (5) Provision made under this section is additional, and without prejudice, to that made by or under any other provision of this Act.

Commencement Information

I48 [S. 208](#) wholly in force: s. 208(2)-(5) in force at Royal Assent see [s. 211\(1\)](#); s. 208(1) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503, {art. 2\(a\)}](#)

209 Transitional and transitory provision **E+W+S**

Schedule 22 contains transitional and transitory provision.

210 Repeals **E+W+S**

Schedule 23 contains repeals (including repeals of spent provisions).

211 Commencement **E+W+S**

- (1) This section and sections 208(2) to (5), 212 and 214 come into force on the day this Act is passed.
- (2) Subject to that, the provisions of this Act come into force on such day as may be appointed by order of the Lord Chancellor.

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Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 211 power partly exercised: 7.3.2008 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by {S.I. 2008/222}, arts. 2, 3;
S. 211 power partly exercised: 30.6.2008 for specified provisions by {S.I. 2008/1436}, art. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2008/1591, art. 2);
S. 211 power partly exercised: 1.1.2009 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by {S.I. 2008/3149}, art. 2;
S. 211 power partly exercised: 31.3.2009 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by {S.I. 2009/503}, arts. 2, 3;
S. 211 power partly exercised: 1.7.2009 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by {S.I. 2009/1365}, art. 2
S. 211 power partly exercised: 1.1.2010 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by {S.I. 2009/3250}, art. 2 (with art. 9)

212 Extent **E+W+S**

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) Sections 195 and 196(1) and Schedule 20 extend to Scotland only (and, for the purposes of those provisions, this Part also extends there).
- (3) An amendment or repeal contained in this Act (and, for the purposes of such an amendment or repeal, this Part) has the same extent as the enactment or relevant part of the enactment to which the amendment or repeal relates.

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213 Index of defined expressions **E+W+S**

Schedule 24 lists the places where expressions used in this Act are defined or otherwise explained.

214 Short title **E+W+S**

This Act may be cited as the Legal Services Act 2007.

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 E+W

Section 2

THE LEGAL SERVICES BOARD

Membership

- 1 (1) The Board is to consist of the following members—
 - (a) a chairman appointed by the Lord Chancellor,
 - (b) the Chief Executive of the Board (see paragraph 13), and
 - (c) at least 7, but not more than 10, other persons appointed by the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) In this Schedule a reference to an “ordinary member” is a reference to a member of the Board other than the Chief Executive.
- (3) Before appointing an ordinary member, the Lord Chancellor must consult the Lord Chief Justice about the process for appointment of the member and about the person selected for appointment.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor may by order amend sub-paragraph (1) by substituting for the limit on the maximum number of persons for the time being specified in paragraph (c) of that sub-paragraph a different limit.
- 2 (1) In appointing persons as ordinary members the Lord Chancellor must ensure that a majority of the members of the Board are lay persons.
- (2) The chairman must be a lay person.
- (3) It is a condition of the appointment of the chairman that the person appointed must not during the appointment—
 - (a) carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity,
 - (b) provide regulated claims management services (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29)), or
 - (c) provide immigration advice or immigration services,
 for or in expectation of any fee, gain or reward.
- (4) In this Schedule a reference to a “lay person” is a reference to a person who has never been—
 - (a) an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity;
 - (b) a person authorised, by a person designated under section 5(1) of the Compensation Act 2006, to provide services which are regulated claims management services (within the meaning of that Act);
 - (c) an advocate in Scotland;
 - (d) a solicitor in Scotland;
 - (e) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland;

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(f) a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4), a person is deemed to have been an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity if that person has before the appointed day been—

- (a) a barrister;
- (b) a solicitor;
- (c) a public notary;
- (d) a licensed conveyancer;
- (e) granted a certificate issued by the Institute of Legal Executives authorising the person to practise as a legal executive;
- (f) a registered patent attorney, within the meaning given by section 275(1) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48);
- (g) a registered trade mark attorney, within the meaning of the Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26); or
- (h) granted a right of audience or a right to conduct litigation in relation to any proceedings by virtue of section 27(2)(a) or section 28(2)(a) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (rights of audience and rights to conduct litigation).

(6) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (5)—

“appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13;

“licensed conveyancer” has the meaning given by section 11(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).

3 In appointing persons to be ordinary members, the Lord Chancellor must have regard to the desirability of securing that the Board includes members who (between them) have experience in or knowledge of—

- (a) the provision of legal services;
- (b) legal education and legal training;
- (c) consumer affairs;
- (d) civil or criminal proceedings and the working of the courts;
- (e) competition matters;
- (f) the maintenance of the professional standards of persons who provide legal services;
- (g) the maintenance of standards in professions other than the legal profession;
- (h) the handling of complaints;
- (i) commercial affairs;
- (j) non-commercial legal services;
- (k) the differing needs of consumers;
- (l) the provision of claims management services (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29)).

Terms of appointment and tenure of members

4 An ordinary member is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms and conditions of that member's appointment (subject to this Schedule).

5 (1) An ordinary member must be appointed for a fixed period.

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- (2) The period for which an ordinary member is appointed must not exceed 5 years.
- (3) A person who has held office as an ordinary member may be re-appointed, once only, for a further period (whether consecutive or not) not exceeding 5 years.
- 6 If an ordinary member who is a lay person becomes a person within paragraphs (a) to (f) of paragraph 2(4) that person ceases to be a member of the Board.
- 7 (1) An ordinary member may at any time—
- (a) resign from office by giving notice to the Lord Chancellor;
 - (b) be removed from office by the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may not under sub-paragraph (1)(b) remove an ordinary member from office unless sub-paragraph (3) or (4) applies.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies if the Lord Chancellor is satisfied that the member—
- (a) has failed without reasonable excuse to discharge the functions of the office for a continuous period of at least 6 months,
 - (b) has been convicted of an offence,
 - (c) is an undischarged bankrupt, or
 - (d) is otherwise unfit to hold the office or unable to discharge its functions.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies if the member is the chairman and has breached the condition imposed on his appointment by paragraph 2(3).
- (5) Before removing any ordinary member under sub-paragraph (1)(b), the Lord Chancellor must consult—
- (a) the Lord Chief Justice, and
 - (b) if the ordinary member is not the chairman, the chairman.
- (6) The Lord Chancellor may not remove an ordinary member on the ground mentioned in paragraph (a) of sub-paragraph (3) more than 3 months after the end of the period mentioned in that paragraph.
- 8 The chairman ceases to be chairman upon ceasing to be a member of the Board.
- 9 Where a person ceases to be employed as Chief Executive, that person ceases to be a member of the Board.

Remuneration etc of members

- 10 The chairman and other ordinary members are to be paid by the Board in accordance with provision made by or under their terms of appointment.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 Sch. 1 para. 10 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), **art. 8**

- 11 The terms of appointment of the chairman or any other ordinary member may provide for the Board to pay, or make payments towards the provision of, a pension, allowance or gratuity to or in respect of that person.
- 12 If the Lord Chancellor thinks there are circumstances that make it right for a person ceasing to hold office as chairman or another ordinary member to receive

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compensation, the Board may pay that person such compensation as the Lord Chancellor may determine.

Staff

- 13 The Board must appoint a person as its Chief Executive.
- 14 The Board may appoint such other staff as it considers appropriate to assist in the performance of its functions.
- 15 The Chief Executive and other staff are to be—
- (a) appointed on terms and conditions determined by the Board, and
 - (b) paid by the Board in accordance with provision made by or under the terms of appointment.
- 16 The terms and conditions on which the Chief Executive or any other member of staff is appointed may provide for the Board to pay, or make payments towards the provision of, a pension, allowance or gratuity to or in respect of that person.
- 17 The Board may pay compensation for loss of employment to or in respect of a member (or former member) of staff.
- 18 A member of staff appointed under paragraph 14 may be a member (but not chairman) of the Board.

Arrangements for assistance

- 19 (1) The Board may make arrangements with such persons as it considers appropriate for assistance to be provided to it.
- (2) Arrangements may include the paying of fees to such persons.

Committees

- 20 (1) The Board may establish committees.
- (2) Any committee so established may establish sub-committees.
- (3) Only members of the Board may be members of a committee or sub-committee.
- (4) A majority of the members of a committee or sub-committee must be lay persons.

Proceedings

- 21 (1) The Board may regulate its own procedure, and the procedure of its committees and sub-committees, including quorum.
- (2) But the quorum of a committee or sub-committee must not be less than 3.
- (3) The Board must publish any rules of procedure made under this paragraph.
- (4) This paragraph is without prejudice to any other power the Board has under this Act to make rules.
- 22 The validity of any act of the Board is not affected—
- (a) by a vacancy in the office of chairman or amongst the other members, or

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- (b) by a defect in the appointment or any disqualification of a person as chairman or another member of the Board.

Delegation of functions

- 23 (1) The Board may authorise—
- (a) the chairman, the Chief Executive or any other member of the Board,
 - (b) a committee or sub-committee of the Board, or
 - (c) a member of staff appointed under paragraph 14,
- to exercise, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions, in such circumstances, as it may determine.
- (2) A committee may delegate functions (including functions delegated to the committee) to—
- (a) a sub-committee,
 - (b) the chairman, the Chief Executive or any other member of the Board, or
 - (c) a member of staff appointed under paragraph 14.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) are subject to—
- (a) any provision made by an order under section 62 by virtue of section 64(2)(k) (powers to authorise the Board to delegate to any person functions conferred on it in its capacity as an approved regulator), and
 - (b) section 73(3)(a) (power to delegate to any person functions conferred on the Board in its capacity as a licensing authority).
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to any power or duty the Board has to make rules (other than excluded rules) under this Act.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4) “excluded rules” means—
- (a) rules of procedure made under paragraph 21 in relation to any committee or sub-committee of the Board, and
 - (b) rules made by the Board in its capacity as an approved regulator or a licensing authority.

Borrowing

- 24 The Board is not to borrow money, except—
- (a) with the consent of the Lord Chancellor, or
 - (b) in accordance with a general authorisation given by the Lord Chancellor.

Accounts

- 25 (1) The Board must—
- (a) keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts, and
 - (b) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts.
- (2) Each statement of accounts must comply with any directions given by the Lord Chancellor, with the approval of the Treasury, as to—
- (a) the information to be contained in it and the manner in which it is to be presented;

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- (b) the methods and principles according to which the statement is to be prepared;
 - (c) the additional information (if any) which is to be provided for the information of Parliament.
- (3) The Board must give a copy of each statement of accounts—
 - (a) to the Lord Chancellor, and
 - (b) to the Comptroller and Auditor General,before the end of the month of August next following the financial year to which the statement relates.
- (4) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—
 - (a) examine, certify and report on each statement of accounts which is received under sub-paragraph (3), and
 - (b) give a copy of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (5) In respect of each financial year, the Lord Chancellor must lay before Parliament a document consisting of—
 - (a) a copy of the statement of accounts for that year, and
 - (b) a copy of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on that statement.
- (6) “Financial year” means—
 - (a) the period beginning with the day on which the Board is established and ending with the next following 31 March, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

Status

- 26 (1) The Board is not to be regarded—
 - (a) as the servant or agent of the Crown, or
 - (b) as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.
- (2) Accordingly—
 - (a) the Board's property is not to be regarded as property of or held on behalf of the Crown, and
 - (b) the Board's staff are not to be regarded as servants or agents of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

Application of seal and proof of instruments

- 27 The application of the seal of the Board is to be authenticated by the signature of any member of the Board, or of its staff, who has been authorised (whether generally or specifically) by the Board for the purpose.
- 28 Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by an individual, would not need to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Board by any person who has been authorised (whether generally or specifically) by the Board for the purpose.
- 29 A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Board or signed on its behalf—
 - (a) is to be received in evidence, and

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- (b) is to be taken to be executed or signed in that way, unless the contrary is proved.

Disqualification

- 30 (1) In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24) (bodies of which all members are disqualified) at the appropriate place insert— “The Legal Services Board.”
- (2) In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25) (bodies of which all members are disqualified) at the appropriate place insert— “The Legal Services Board.”

Freedom of information

- 31 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) (other public bodies and offices which are public authorities) at the appropriate place insert— “The Legal Services Board.”

Public records

- 32 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51) (definition of public records) at the appropriate place in Part 2 of the Table at the end of paragraph 3 insert— “The Legal Services Board.”

Exemption from liability in damages

- 33 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) the Board,
 - (b) a member of the Board,
 - (c) a member of the Board's staff appointed under paragraph 14,
 - (d) a person to whom the Board (in its capacity as an approved regulator) delegates any of its functions by virtue of provision made under section 64(2)(k), and
 - (e) a person to whom the Board (in its capacity as a licensing authority) delegates any of its functions by virtue of section 73(3)(a).
- (2) A person to whom this paragraph applies is not liable in damages for anything done or omitted in the exercise or purported exercise of the functions of the Board conferred by or by virtue of this or any other enactment.
- (3) But sub-paragraph (1) does not apply—
- (a) if it is shown that the act or omission was in bad faith, or
 - (b) so as to prevent an award of damages made in respect of an act or omission on the ground that the act or omission was unlawful as a result of section 6(1) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42).

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SCHEDULE 2 **E+W**

Section 12

THE RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Introduction

1 This Schedule makes provision about the reserved legal activities.

Commencement Information

I49 Sch. 2 para. 1 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 1 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 1 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 1 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

2 In this Schedule “the appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on reserved legal activities).

Commencement Information

I50 Sch. 2 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 2 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 2 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 2 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

Rights of audience

3 (1) A “right of audience” means the right to appear before and address a court, including the right to call and examine witnesses.

(2) But a “right of audience” does not include a right to appear before or address a court, or to call or examine witnesses, in relation to any particular court or in relation to particular proceedings, if immediately before the appointed day no restriction was placed on the persons entitled to exercise that right.

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 2 para. 3 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 3 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 3 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 3 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 3 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

Conduct of litigation

4 (1) The “conduct of litigation” means—

- (a) the issuing of proceedings before any court in England and Wales,
- (b) the commencement, prosecution and defence of such proceedings, and
- (c) the performance of any ancillary functions in relation to such proceedings (such as entering appearances to actions).

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- (2) But the “conduct of litigation” does not include any activity within paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub-paragraph (1), in relation to any particular court or in relation to any particular proceedings, if immediately before the appointed day no restriction was placed on the persons entitled to carry on that activity.

Commencement Information

I52 Sch. 2 para. 4 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 4 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 4 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 4 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 4 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

Reserved instrument activities

- 5 (1) “Reserved instrument activities” means—
- (a) preparing any instrument of transfer or charge for the purposes of the Land Registration Act 2002 (c. 9);
 - (b) making an application or lodging a document for registration under that Act;
 - (c) preparing any other instrument relating to real or personal estate for the purposes of the law of England and Wales or instrument relating to court proceedings in England and Wales.
- (2) But “reserved instrument activities” does not include the preparation of an instrument relating to any particular court proceedings if, immediately before the appointed day, no restriction was placed on the persons entitled to carry on that activity.
- (3) In this paragraph “instrument” includes a contract for the sale or other disposition of land (except a contract to grant a short lease), but does not include—
- (a) a will or other testamentary instrument,
 - (b) an agreement not intended to be executed as a deed, other than a contract that is included by virtue of the preceding provisions of this sub-paragraph,
 - (c) a letter or power of attorney, or
 - (d) a transfer of stock containing no trust or limitation of the transfer.
- (4) In this paragraph a “short lease” means a lease such as is referred to in section 54(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) (short leases).

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 2 para. 5 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 5 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 5 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 5 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

Probate activities

- 6 (1) “Probate activities” means preparing any probate papers for the purposes of the law of England and Wales or in relation to any proceedings in England and Wales.
- (2) In this paragraph “probate papers” means papers on which to found or oppose—

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- (a) a grant of probate, or
- (b) a grant of letters of administration.

Commencement Information

I54 Sch. 2 para. 6 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 2 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 2 para. 6 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 6 in force for further certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; Sch. 2 para. 6 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b)(ii) (with art. 9)

Notarial activities

- 7 (1) “Notarial activities” means activities which, immediately before the appointed day, were customarily carried on by virtue of enrolment as a notary in accordance with section 1 of the Public Notaries Act 1801 (c. 79).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not include activities carried on—
- (a) by virtue of section 22 or 23 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) (reserved instrument activities and probate activities), or
 - (b) by virtue of section 113 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (administration of oaths).

Commencement Information

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Administration of oaths

- 8 The “administration of oaths” means the exercise of the powers conferred on a commissioner for oaths by—
- (a) the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889 (c. 10);
 - (b) the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1891 (c. 50);
 - (c) section 24 of the Stamp Duties Management Act 1891 (c. 38).

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SCHEDULE 3 **E+W** Section 19

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SCHEDULE 5 **E+W** Section 22

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SCHEDULE 9 **E+W** Section 45

CANCELLATION OF DESIGNATION AS APPROVED REGULATOR

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SCHEDULE 10 **E+W** Sections 74 and 76

DESIGNATION OF APPROVED REGULATORS AS LICENSING AUTHORITIES

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SCHEDULE 11 **E+W** Section 83

LICENSING RULES

PART 1 **E+W**

LICENSING PROCEDURE

Applications for licences

1 (1) Licensing rules must make provision about the form and manner in which applications for licences are to be made, and the fee (if any) which is to accompany an application.

(2) They may make provision about—

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- (a) the information which applications must contain, and
- (b) the documents which must accompany applications.

Determination of applications

- 2 (1) Licensing rules must make the following provision about the determination of applications for licences.
- (2) Before the end of the decision period the licensing authority must—
- (a) decide the application,
 - (b) notify the applicant of its decision, and
 - (c) if it decides to refuse the application, set out in the notice the reasons for the refusal.
- (3) The decision period is the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the application is made to the licensing authority in accordance with its licensing rules.
- (4) The licensing authority may, on one or more occasions, give the applicant a notice (an “extension notice”) extending the decision period by a period specified in the notice.
- (5) But—
- (a) an extension notice may only be given before the time when the decision period would end, but for the extension notice, and
 - (b) the total decision period must not exceed 9 months.
- (6) An extension notice must set out the reasons for the extension.

Review of determination

- 3 Licensing rules must make provision for review by the licensing authority of—
- (a) a decision to refuse an application for a licence;
 - (b) if a licence is granted, the terms of the licence.

Period of licence and renewal

- 4 (1) The licensing rules may make provision—
- (a) limiting the period for which any licence is (subject to the provision of this Part of this Schedule and of the licensing rules) to remain in force;
 - (b) about the renewal of licences, including provision about the form and manner in which an application for the renewal is to be made, and the fee (if any) which is to accompany an application.
- (2) The licensing rules may make provision about—
- (a) the information which applications for renewal must contain, and
 - (b) the documents which must accompany applications.
- (3) Licensing rules must provide that a licence issued to a licensed body by the licensing authority ceases to have effect if the licensed body is issued with a licence by another licensing authority.

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Continuity of licences

- 5
- (1) Licensing rules may make provision about the effect, on a licence issued to a partnership or other unincorporated body (“the existing body”), of any change in the membership of the existing body.
 - (2) The provision which may be made includes provision for the existing body's licence to be transferred where the existing body ceases to exist and another body succeeds to the whole or substantially the whole of its business.

Modification of licences

- 6
- (1) Licensing rules must make provision about the form and manner in which applications are to be made for modification of the terms of a licence under section 86, and the fee (if any) which is to accompany the application.
 - (2) They may make provision as to the circumstances in which the licensing authority may modify the terms of a licence under section 86 without an application being made.
 - (3) They must make provision for review by the licensing authority of—
 - (a) a decision to refuse an application for modification of the terms of a licence;
 - (b) if the licensing authority makes licensing rules under sub-paragraph (2), a decision under those rules to modify the terms of a licence.

Modifications under section 106 or 107

- 7
- (1) Licensing rules must make provision about the form and manner in which applications are to be made under section 106 or 107, and the fee (if any) which is to accompany the application.
 - (2) They may make provision as to the matters to which the licensing authority must have regard in determining whether to make an order under section 106, or to revoke or modify such an order.
 - (3) They must make provision for review by the licensing authority of—
 - (a) a decision to refuse an application under those sections;
 - (b) the terms of any order made under section 106 or any decision under section 107.
- 8
- (1) Licensing rules must make the following provision in relation to licensed bodies to which section 106 applies (“special bodies”), and in relation to which an order under section 106 has been made.
 - (2) If a special body becomes a special body of a different kind, it must notify the licensing authority of that fact before the end of the relevant period.
 - (3) If a special body ceases to be a special body, it must notify the licensing authority of that fact before the end of the relevant period.
 - (4) The relevant period is the period of 30 days (or such longer period as may be specified in licensing rules) beginning with the day on which the body first became a special body of a different kind, or ceased to be a special body.

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- (5) Licensing rules may make provision requiring a special body to provide the licensing authority with such information relevant to the matters mentioned in section 106(5) as may be specified in the licensing rules.

PART 2 **E+W**

STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

Management

- 9 (1) Licensing rules must require a licensed body to comply with the following requirement at all times.
- (2) At least one of the licensed body's managers must be a person (other than a licensed body) who is an authorised person in relation to a licensed activity.
- (3) No manager of the licensed body may be a person who under this Part of this Act is disqualified from acting as a manager of a licensed body.
- 10 (1) Licensing rules may make further provision as to—
- (a) the managers of licensed bodies, and
 - (b) the arrangements for the management by them of the licensed body and its activities.
- (2) They must not require all the managers of a licensed body to be authorised persons in relation to a reserved legal activity.

Head of Legal Practice

- 11 (1) Licensing rules must include the following requirements.
- (2) A licensed body must at all times have an individual—
- (a) who is designated as Head of Legal Practice, and
 - (b) whose designation is approved by the licensing authority.
- (3) A designation of an individual as Head of Legal Practice has effect only while the individual—
- (a) consents to the designation,
 - (b) is an authorised person in relation to one or more of the licensed activities, and
 - (c) is not under this Part of this Act disqualified from acting as Head of Legal Practice of a licensed body.
- (4) The licensing authority may approve a person's designation only if it is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to carry out the duties imposed by section 91 in relation to that body.
- (5) The licensing authority may approve a person's designation in the course of determining an application for a licence under section 84.
- (6) If the licensing authority is satisfied that the person designated as a licensed body's Head of Legal Practice has breached a duty imposed by section 91, it may withdraw its approval of that person's designation.

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- 12 (1) Licensing rules must make provision—
- (a) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the licensing authority when determining under paragraph 11(4) whether an individual is a fit and proper person;
 - (b) for a review by the licensing authority of a determination under that paragraph that an individual is not a fit and proper person;
 - (c) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the licensing authority in determining under paragraph 11(6) whether to withdraw its approval;
 - (d) for a review by the licensing authority of a determination under that paragraph to withdraw its approval;
 - (e) about the procedure which is to apply where a licensed body ceases to comply with the requirement imposed by virtue of paragraph 11(2).
- (2) Rules made in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(e) may in particular provide that the requirement imposed by virtue of paragraph 11(2) is suspended until such time as may be specified by the licensing authority if the licensed body complies with such other requirements as may be specified in the rules.

Head of Finance and Administration

- 13 (1) Licensing rules must include the following requirements.
- (2) A licensed body must at all times have an individual—
- (a) who is designated as Head of Finance and Administration, and
 - (b) whose designation is approved by the licensing authority.
- (3) A designation of an individual as Head of Finance and Administration has effect only while the individual—
- (a) consents to the designation, and
 - (b) is not under this Part of this Act disqualified from acting as Head of Finance and Administration of a licensed body.
- (4) The licensing authority may approve a person's designation only if it is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to carry out the duties imposed by section 92 in relation to that body.
- (5) The licensing authority may approve a person's designation in the course of determining an application for a licence under section 84.
- (6) If the licensing authority is satisfied that the person designated as a licensed body's Head of Finance and Administration has breached a duty imposed by section 92, it may withdraw its approval of that person's designation.
- 14 (1) Licensing rules must make provision—
- (a) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the licensing authority when determining under paragraph 13(4) whether an individual is a fit and proper person;
 - (b) for a review by the licensing authority of a determination under that paragraph that an individual is not a fit and proper person;
 - (c) about the procedures and criteria that will be applied by the licensing authority in determining under paragraph 13(6) whether to withdraw its approval;

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- (d) for a review by the licensing authority of a determination under that paragraph to withdraw its approval;
- (e) about the procedure which is to apply where a licensed body ceases to comply with the requirement imposed by virtue of paragraph 13(2).

- (2) The rules made in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(e) may in particular provide that the requirement imposed by virtue of sub-paragraph 13(2) is suspended until such time as may be specified by the licensing authority if the licensed body complies with such other requirements as may be specified in the rules.

PART 3 **E+W**

PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

Practising address

- 15 (1) Licensing rules must require a licensed body, other than one to which sub-paragraph (3) applies, at all times to have a practising address in England and Wales.
- (2) For this purpose “practising address”, in relation to a licensed body, means an address from which the body provides services which consist of or include the carrying on of reserved legal activities.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to a licensed body—
- (a) which is a company or limited liability partnership, and
 - (b) the registered office of which is situated in England and Wales (or in Wales).

Licensed activities

- 16 Licensing rules must provide that a licensed body may carry on a licensed activity only through a person who is entitled to carry on the activity.

Compliance with regulatory arrangements etc

- 17 (1) Licensing rules must include the following provision.
- (2) A licensed body must at all times have suitable arrangements in place to ensure that—
- (a) it, and its managers and employees, comply with the duties imposed by section 176, and
 - (b) it, and any person to whom sub-paragraph (3) applies, maintain the professional principles set out in section 1(3).
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to any manager or employee of the licensed body who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity.
- (4) A licensed body must at all times have suitable arrangements in place to ensure that non-authorised persons subject to the duty imposed by section 90 in relation to the licensed body comply with that duty.
- (5) Licensing rules may make provision as to the arrangements which are suitable for the purposes of rules made under sub-paragraphs (2) and (4).

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Disqualified employees

- 18 (1) Licensing rules must include the following requirement.
- (2) A licensed body may not employ a person who under this Part of this Act is disqualified from being an employee of a licensed body.

Indemnification arrangements and compensation arrangements

- 19 (1) For the purpose of giving effect to indemnification arrangements and compensation arrangements, licensing rules may—
- (a) authorise or require the licensing authority to establish and maintain a fund or funds;
 - (b) authorise or require the licensing authority to take out and maintain insurance with authorised insurers;
 - (c) require licensed bodies or licensed bodies of any specific description to take out and maintain insurance with authorised insurers.
- (2) In this paragraph “authorised insurer” has the same meaning as in section 64.

Accounts

- 20 (1) The licensing rules must make provision as to the treatment of money within sub-paragraph (2), and the keeping of accounts in respect of such money.
- (2) The money referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is money (including money held on trust) which is received, held or dealt with by the licensed body, its managers and employees for clients or other persons.

PART 4 **E+W**

REGULATION

Fees

- 21 (1) The licensing rules must require licensed bodies to pay periodical fees to the licensing authority.
- (2) The rules may provide for the payment of different fees by different descriptions of licensed body.

Financial penalties

- 22 The licensing rules must make provision as to—
- (a) the acts and omissions in respect of which the licensing authority may impose a penalty under section 95, and
 - (b) the criteria and procedure to be applied by the licensing authority in determining whether to impose a penalty under that section, and the amount of any penalty.

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Disqualifications

- 23 (1) Licensing rules must make provision as to the criteria and procedure to be applied by the licensing authority in determining whether a person should be disqualified under section 99.
- (2) Licensing rules must make provision—
- (a) for a review by the licensing authority of a determination by the licensing authority that a person should be disqualified;
 - (b) as to the criteria and procedure to be applied by the licensing authority in determining whether a person's disqualification should cease to be in force;
 - (c) requiring the licensing authority to notify the Board of any determination by the licensing authority that a person should be disqualified, of the results of any review of that determination, and of any decision by the licensing authority that a person's disqualification should cease to be in force.

Suspension or revocation of licence under section 101

- 24 (1) Licensing rules must make the following provision.
- (2) The licensing authority may suspend or revoke a licensed body's licence under section 101 in the following cases.
 - (3) The first case is that the licensed body becomes a body which is not a licensable body.
 - (4) The second case is that the licensed body fails to comply with licensing rules made under paragraph 16 (carrying on of licensed activities).
 - (5) The third case is that—
 - (a) a non-authorized person holds a restricted interest in the licensed body—
 - (i) as a result of the person taking a step in circumstances where that constitutes an offence under paragraph 24(1) of Schedule 13 (whether or not the person is charged with or convicted of an offence under that paragraph),
 - (ii) in breach of conditions imposed under paragraph 17, 28, or 33 of that Schedule, or
 - (iii) the person's holding of which is subject to an objection by the licensing authority under paragraph 31 or 36 of that Schedule,
 - (b) if the relevant licensing rules make the provision mentioned in paragraph 38(1)(a) of that Schedule, a non-authorized person has under those rules a shareholding in the licensed body, or a parent undertaking of the licensed body, which exceeds the share limit,
 - (c) if the relevant licensing rules make the provision mentioned in paragraph 38(1)(b) of that Schedule, a non-authorized person has under those rules an entitlement to exercise, or control the exercise of, voting rights in the licensed body or a parent undertaking of the licensed body which exceeds the voting limit,
 - (d) if the relevant licensing rules make the provision mentioned in paragraph 38(1)(c) of that Schedule, the total proportion of shares in the licensed body or a parent undertaking of the licensed body held by non-authorized persons exceeds the limit specified in the rules, or

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- (e) if the relevant licensing rules make the provision mentioned in paragraph 38(1)(d) of that Schedule, the total proportion of voting rights in the licensed body or a parent undertaking of the licensed body which non-authorised persons are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, exceeds the limit specified in the rules.
 - (6) The fourth case is that a non-authorised person subject to the duty in section 90 in relation to the licensed body fails to comply with that duty.
 - (7) The fifth case is that the licensed body, or a manager or employee of the licensed body, fails to comply with the duties imposed by section 176.
 - (8) The sixth case is that—
 - (a) the licensed body fails to comply with licensing rules made under paragraph 9(3) or 18 (prohibition on disqualified managers and employees), and
 - (b) the manager or employee concerned was disqualified as a result of breach of a duty within section 99(4)(c) or (d).
 - (9) The seventh case is that the licensed body is unable to comply with licensing rules made under—
 - (a) paragraph 11 (requirement for Head of Legal Practice), or
 - (b) paragraph 13 (requirement for Head of Finance and Administration).
 - (10) Before suspending or revoking a licence in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), the licensing authority must give the licensed body notice of its intention.
 - (11) The licensing authority may not suspend or revoke the licence before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given to the licensed body (or any longer period specified in the notice).
- 25 Licensing rules may make provision about other circumstances in which the licensing authority may exercise its power under section 101 to suspend or revoke a licence.
- 26 (1) Licensing rules must make provision about the criteria and procedure the licensing authority will apply in deciding whether to suspend or revoke a licence, or to end the suspension of a licence, under section 101.
- (2) They must make provision for a review by the licensing authority of a decision by the licensing authority to suspend or revoke a licence.

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SCHEDULE 12 **E+W**

Section 84

ENTITLEMENT TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO THE BOARD

PROSPECTIVE

Application to Board

- 1 (1) A licensable body may apply to the Board for a decision that the body is entitled to make an application for a licence to the Board acting in its capacity as a licensing authority.
- (2) An application under sub-paragraph (1) may be made only on one of the grounds specified in this paragraph.
- (3) The first ground is that—
- (a) there is no competent licensing authority, and
 - (b) there is no potentially competent licensing authority.
- (4) The second ground is that—
- (a) each competent licensing authority has determined that it does not have suitable regulatory arrangements,
 - (b) if one or more competent licensing authorities have made an application to the Board under Part 3 of Schedule 4 for the approval of alterations of their regulatory arrangements, each of those authorities has determined that it will not have suitable regulatory arrangements if the application is granted, and
 - (c) each potentially competent licensing authority has determined that it will not have suitable regulatory arrangements if it becomes a competent licensing authority.
- (5) The third ground applies only in relation to a licensable body within sub-paragraph (6), and is that—
- (a) the body has made an application for a licence to each competent licensing authority which has suitable regulatory arrangements, and
 - (b) no such licensing authority is prepared to grant the body a licence on terms which are appropriate to that body, having regard to the matters in section 106(5)(a) to (c) and any other matter specified in rules made by the Board for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.
- (6) The licensable bodies within this sub-paragraph are—
- (a) a not for profit body;
 - (b) a community interest company;
 - (c) an independent trade union;
 - (d) if an order under section 106(1)(e) so provides in relation to a description of body prescribed under that section, a body of that description.

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Board's decision on an application under paragraph 1

- 2
- (1) On an application under paragraph 1 the Board must, before the end of the decision period, decide whether the licensable body is entitled to make an application for a licence to the Board acting in its capacity as a licensing authority.
 - (2) The decision period is—
 - (a) in relation to an application on the first ground, the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the application is made,
 - (b) in relation to an application on the second ground, the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the application is made, and
 - (c) in relation to an application on the third ground, the period of 60 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.
 - (3) The Board must give a notice to the licensable body—
 - (a) stating its decision, and
 - (b) giving reasons for its decision.
 - (4) The Board must make rules providing for a review of any decision made by it under this paragraph.
 - (5) The rules may in particular provide that if the Board decides to grant the application, the Board may review that decision if the ground on which the application was granted ceases to be made out before the Board (in its capacity as a licensing authority) determines any application for a licence made by the licensable body.

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PROSPECTIVE

Licensing authority's duty to make relevant determinations

- 3
- (1) A licensable body may apply to each competent licensing authority for—
 - (a) a determination as to whether the authority has suitable regulatory arrangements;
 - (b) a statement as to whether the authority has made an application as mentioned in paragraph 1(4)(b) and if it has, a determination as to whether, if the application is granted, the authority will have suitable regulatory arrangements.
 - (2) A licensable body may apply to each potentially competent licensing authority for a determination as to whether it will have suitable regulatory arrangements in place if it becomes a competent licensing authority.
 - (3) A competent (or potentially competent) licensing authority to which a licensable body makes an application under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) may require the licensable body to provide it with such information in relation to the licensable body as it may specify.

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- (4) The authority may specify only information which it reasonably requires for the purpose of making the determination applied for.
- (5) A competent (or potentially competent) licensing authority to which an application is made under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) must make the determination before the end of—
 - (a) the decision period, or
 - (b) if it requires the licensable body to provide it with information under sub-paragraph (3), the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the information is provided.
- (6) The decision period, in relation to an application under sub-paragraph (1) or (2), is the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the application is made.

“The Board”

- 4 In this Schedule references to the Board, unless otherwise stated, are to the Board acting otherwise than in its capacity as a licensing authority or an approved regulator.

PROSPECTIVE

“Competent licensing authority”

- 5 “Competent licensing authority”, in relation to a licensable body, means an approved regulator designated as a licensing authority in relation to each reserved legal activity which the licensable body proposes to carry on.

PROSPECTIVE

“Potentially competent licensing authority”

- 6 (1) “Potentially competent licensing authority”, in relation to a licensable body, means an approved regulator—
- (a) which has made an application to the Board under Part 1 of Schedule 10 for a recommendation that the Lord Chancellor make a relevant designation order, and whose application has not been determined, or
 - (b) in respect of which the Board has made such a recommendation, but in respect of which no relevant designation order (or decision not to make such an order) has been made by the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) A relevant designation order is an order—
- (a) designating the approved regulator as a licensing authority in respect of one or more reserved legal activities, and
 - (b) the effect of which will be that the approved regulator becomes a competent licensing authority in relation to the licensable body.

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PROSPECTIVE

“Suitable regulatory arrangements”

- 7 (1) “Suitable regulatory arrangements”, in relation to a licensable body and a competent licensing authority, means regulatory arrangements which are suitable in relation to the licensable body, having regard to—
- (a) the composition of the licensable body, including in particular the matters in sub-paragraph (2);
 - (b) the services the licensable body proposes to provide;
 - (c) if the licensable body proposes to carry on non-reserved activities, any regulation to which the carrying on of such activities is subject;
 - (d) the persons to whom the licensable body proposes to provide services.
- (2) The matters are—
- (a) the kinds of authorised persons who are managers of, or have an interest in, the licensable body,
 - (b) the proportion of persons who are managers of, or have an interest in, the licensable body who are authorised persons or authorised persons of a particular kind,
 - (c) the kinds of non-authorised persons who are managers of, or have an interest in, the licensable body,
 - (d) the proportion of persons who are managers of, or have an interest in, the licensable body who are non-authorised persons or non-authorised persons of a particular kind, and
 - (e) the kinds of non-authorised persons who have an indirect interest in the licensable body.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) “authorised person” means a person who is an authorised person in relation to any activity which is a reserved legal activity, and
 - (b) authorised persons are of different kinds if they are authorised to carry on such activities by different approved regulators.

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SCHEDULE 13 **E+W**

Section 89

OWNERSHIP OF LICENSED BODIES

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SCHEDULE 14 **E+W**

Section 102

LICENSING AUTHORITY'S POWERS OF INTERVENTION

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SCHEDULE 15 **E+W**

Section 114

THE OFFICE FOR LEGAL COMPLAINTS

Membership

- 1 (1) The OLC is to consist of the following members—
 - (a) a chairman appointed by the Board with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, and
 - (b) at least 6, but not more than 8, other persons appointed by the Board after consultation with the chairman.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may by order amend sub-paragraph (1) by substituting, for the limit on the maximum number of persons for the time being specified in paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph, a different limit.
- 2 (1) In appointing members of the OLC, the Board must ensure that a majority of the members of the OLC are lay persons.
- (2) The chairman must be a lay person.
- (3) In this Schedule a reference to a “lay person” is a reference to a person who has never been—
 - (a) an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity,
 - (b) an advocate in Scotland,
 - (c) a solicitor in Scotland,
 - (d) a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland, or
 - (e) a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3), a person is deemed to have been an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity if that person has before the appointed day been—
 - (a) a barrister,
 - (b) a solicitor,
 - (c) a public notary,
 - (d) a licensed conveyancer,
 - (e) granted a certificate issued by the Institute of Legal Executives authorising the person to practise as a legal executive,

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- (f) a registered patent attorney, within the meaning given by section 275(1) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48),
 - (g) a registered trade mark attorney, within the meaning of the Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26), or
 - (h) granted a right of audience or right to conduct litigation in relation to any proceedings by virtue of section 27(2)(a) or section 28(2)(a) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (rights of audience and rights to conduct litigation).
- (5) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (4)—
- “appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13;
 - “licensed conveyancer” has the meaning given by section 11(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).
- 3 (1) An ombudsman may be a member (but not chairman) of the OLC.
- (2) In appointing members of the OLC, the Board must ensure that a majority of the members of the OLC are not ombudsmen.
- 4 In appointing members of the OLC, the Board must have regard to the desirability of securing that the OLC includes members who (between them) have experience in or knowledge of—
- (a) the handling of complaints,
 - (b) the provision of legal services,
 - (c) legal education and legal training,
 - (d) consumer affairs,
 - (e) civil or criminal proceedings and the working of the courts,
 - (f) the maintenance of the professional standards of persons who provide legal services,
 - (g) non-commercial legal services,
 - (h) the differing needs of consumers, and
 - (i) the provision of claims management services (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29)).

Terms of appointment and tenure of members

- 5 A member of the OLC is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms and conditions of the member's appointment (subject to this Schedule).
- 6 (1) A member of the OLC must be appointed for a fixed period.
- (2) The period for which a member is appointed must not exceed 5 years.
- (3) A person who has held office as a member may be re-appointed once only, for a further period (whether consecutive or not) not exceeding 5 years.

PROSPECTIVE

- 7 If a member of the OLC who is a lay person becomes a person within paragraph (a) to (e) of paragraph 2(3), that person ceases to be a member of the OLC.

- 8 (1) A member may at any time—

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- (a) resign from office by giving notice to the Board;
 - (b) be removed from office by the Board.
- (2) The Board may not under sub-paragraph (1)(b) remove a member (including the chairman) from office unless the Board is satisfied that the member—
- (a) has failed without reasonable excuse to discharge the functions of the office for a continuous period of at least 6 months,
 - (b) has been convicted of an offence,
 - (c) is an undischarged bankrupt, or
 - (d) is otherwise unfit to hold the office or unable to discharge its functions.
- (3) The chairman may be removed from office under sub-paragraph (1)(b) only with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) The Board must consult the chairman before removing a member (other than the chairman) under sub-paragraph (1)(b).
- (5) The Board may not remove an ordinary member on the ground mentioned in paragraph (a) of sub-paragraph (2) more than 3 months after the end of the period mentioned in that paragraph.
- 9 The chairman ceases to be chairman upon ceasing to be a member of the OLC.

Remuneration etc of members

- 10 The chairman and other members of the OLC are to be paid by the Board in accordance with provision made by or under their terms of appointment.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 Sch. 15 para. 10 modified (temp.) (7.3.2008) by [The Legal Services Act 2007 \(Commencement No.1 and Transitory Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/222\)](#), **art. 8**

- 11 The terms of appointment of the chairman or any other member may provide for the Board to pay, or make payments towards the provision of, a pension, allowance or gratuity to or in respect of that person.
- 12 If the Board thinks there are circumstances that make it right for a person ceasing to hold office as chairman or another member to receive compensation, the OLC may pay that person such compensation as the Board may determine.

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Staff

- 13 The OLC may appoint such staff as it considers appropriate to assist in the performance of its functions.
- 14 Staff appointed under paragraph 13 are to be—
- (a) appointed on terms and conditions determined by the OLC, and
 - (b) paid by the OLC in accordance with provision made by or under the terms of appointment.

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| 15 | A member of staff appointed under paragraph 13 may be a member (but not chairman) of the OLC. |
| 16 | The terms and conditions on which an ombudsman, or any member of staff appointed under paragraph 13, is appointed may provide for the OLC to pay, or make payments towards the provision of, a pension, allowance or gratuity to or in respect of that person. |
| 17 | The OLC may pay compensation for loss of employment to or in respect of an ombudsman (or former ombudsman), or a member (or former member) of staff appointed under paragraph 13. |

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Arrangements for assistance

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| 18 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The OLC may make arrangements with such persons as it considers appropriate for assistance to be provided to it or to an ombudsman.(2) Arrangements may include the paying of fees to such persons.(3) The persons with whom the OLC may make arrangements include approved regulators; and the arrangements it may make include arrangements for assistance to be provided to an ombudsman in relation to the investigation and consideration of a complaint. |
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Committees

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| 19 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The OLC may establish committees.(2) Any committee so established may establish sub-committees.(3) Only members of the OLC may be members of a committee or sub-committee.(4) A majority of the members of a committee or sub-committee must be lay persons. |
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Proceedings

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| 20 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The OLC may regulate its own procedure, and the procedure of its committees and sub-committees, including quorum.(2) But the quorum of a committee or sub-committee must not be less than 3.(3) The OLC must publish any rules of procedure made under this paragraph.(4) This paragraph is without prejudice to any other power the OLC has under this Act to make rules. |
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- 21 The validity of any act of the OLC is not affected—
- (a) by a vacancy in the office of chairman or amongst the other members, or
 - (b) by a defect in the appointment or any disqualification of a person as chairman or another member of the OLC.

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Delegation of functions

- 22 (1) The OLC may authorise—
- (a) the chairman or any other member of the OLC,
 - (b) a committee or sub-committee of the OLC,
 - (c) an ombudsman, or
 - (d) a member of the OLC's staff appointed under paragraph 13,
- to exercise, on behalf of the OLC, such of its functions, in such circumstances, as it may determine.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to—
- (a) the OLC's functions under section 118(1) (annual report),
 - (b) the OLC's functions under section 122 (appointment of Chief Ombudsman and assistant ombudsmen),
 - (c) the OLC's functions under paragraph 20 or 23 of this Schedule, or
 - (d) any power or duty the OLC has to make rules under this Part of this Act.
- (3) A committee may delegate functions (including functions delegated to the committee) to—
- (a) a sub-committee,
 - (b) the chairman or any other member of the OLC,
 - (c) an ombudsman, or
 - (d) a member of the OLC's staff appointed under paragraph 13.

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Budget

- 23 (1) The OLC must, before the start of each financial year, adopt an annual budget which has been approved by the Board.
- (2) The OLC may, with the approval of the Board, vary the budget for a financial year at any time after its adoption.
- (3) The annual budget must include an indication of—
- (a) the distribution of resources deployed in the operation of the ombudsman scheme, and
 - (b) the amounts of income of the OLC arising or expected to arise from the operation of the scheme.

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Land

- 24 (1) During the initial 5 year period, the OLC must not acquire or dispose of an interest in land, except with the approval of the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) The initial 5 year period is the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the appointment of the first Interim Chief Executive under paragraph 10 of Schedule 22 takes effect or the day on which the first appointment of a member of the OLC takes effect, whichever first occurs.

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Borrowing

- 25 (1) The OLC must not borrow money, except—
- (a) with the consent of the Board, or
 - (b) in accordance with a general authorisation given by the Board.
- (2) The Board may not consent or give a general authorisation for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), except with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.

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Accounts

- 26 (1) The OLC must—
- (a) keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts, and
 - (b) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts.
- (2) Each statement of accounts must comply with any directions given by the Lord Chancellor, with the approval of the Treasury, as to—
- (a) the information to be contained in it and the manner in which it is to be presented;
 - (b) the methods and principles according to which the statement is to be prepared;
 - (c) the additional information (if any) which is to be provided for the information of Parliament.
- (3) The OLC must give a copy of each statement of accounts to the Board before the end of the month of August next following the financial year to which the statement relates.
- (4) The Board must give a copy of each statement received under sub-paragraph (3)—
- (a) to the Lord Chancellor, and
 - (b) to the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- (5) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—

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- (a) examine, certify and report on each statement of accounts which is received under sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (b) give a copy of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report to the Lord Chancellor.
- (6) In respect of each financial year, the Lord Chancellor must lay before Parliament a document consisting of—
- (a) a copy of the statement of accounts for that year, and
 - (b) a copy of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on that statement.
- (7) “Financial year” means—
- (a) the period beginning with the day on which the OLC is established and ending with the next following 31 March, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

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Status

- 27 (1) The OLC is not to be regarded—
- (a) as the servant or agent of the Crown, or
 - (b) as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.
- (2) Accordingly—
- (a) the OLC's property is not to be regarded as property of or held on behalf of the Crown, and
 - (b) the staff appointed under paragraph 13 are not to be regarded as servants or agents of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

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Application of seal and proof of instruments

- 28 The application of the seal of the OLC is to be authenticated by the signature of any member of the OLC, or of its staff, who has been authorised (whether generally or specifically) by the OLC for the purpose.
- 29 Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by an individual, would not need to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the OLC by any person who has been authorised (whether generally or specifically) by the OLC for the purpose.
- 30 A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the OLC, or signed on its behalf—
- (a) is to be received in evidence, and
 - (b) is to be taken to be executed or signed in that way, unless the contrary is proved.

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Disqualification

- 31 (1) In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24) (bodies of which all members are disqualified) at the appropriate place insert— “ The Office for Legal Complaints. ”
- (2) In Part 3 of that Schedule (other disqualifying offices) at the appropriate place insert— “ The Chief Ombudsman or an assistant ombudsman appointed under section 122 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (Chief Ombudsman and assistant ombudsmen appointed for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme). ”
- (3) In Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25) (bodies of which all members are disqualified) at the appropriate place insert — “ The Office for Legal Complaints. ”
- (4) In Part 3 of that Schedule (other disqualifying offices) at the appropriate place insert— “ The Chief Ombudsman or an assistant ombudsman appointed under section 122 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (Chief Ombudsman and assistant ombudsmen appointed for the purposes of the ombudsman scheme). ”

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Freedom of information

- 32 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) (other public bodies and offices which are public authorities) at the appropriate place insert— “ The Office for Legal Complaints. ”

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Public records

- 33 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51) (definition of public records) at the appropriate place in Part 2 of the Table at the end of paragraph 3 insert— “ The Office for Legal Complaints. ”

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Exemption from liability in damages

- 34 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) the OLC,
 - (b) a member of the OLC,
 - (c) an ombudsman, and
 - (d) a member of the OLC's staff appointed under paragraph 13.

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- (2) A person to whom this paragraph applies is not liable in damages for anything done or omitted in the exercise or purported exercise of the functions conferred on the person concerned by or by virtue of this or any other enactment.
- (3) But sub-paragraph (2) does not apply—
- (a) if it is shown that the act or omission was in bad faith, or
 - (b) so as to prevent an award of damages made in respect of an act or omission on the ground that the act or omission was unlawful as a result of section 6(1) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42).

SCHEDULE 16 E+W

Section 177

THE LAW SOCIETY, SOLICITORS, RECOGNISED BODIES AND FOREIGN LAWYERS

PART 1 E+W

THE SOLICITORS ACT 1974 (C. 47)

- 1 The Solicitors Act 1974 is amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.
- 2 In section 1A (practising certificates: employed solicitors)—
- (a) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b),
 - (b) in paragraph (c) omit “by the Council of the Law Society”, and
 - (c) at the end of that paragraph insert “or
 - (d) by any other person who, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of that Act).”

Commencement Information

I114 Sch. 16 para. 2(b) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 2(a)(c) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 3 After section 1A insert—
- “1B Restriction on practice as sole solicitor**
- (1) Rules under section 31 (rules as to professional practice etc) must provide that a solicitor may not practise as a sole solicitor unless he has in force—
- (a) a practising certificate, and
 - (b) an endorsement of that certificate by the Society authorising him to practise as a sole solicitor (a “sole solicitor endorsement”).

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(2) The rules may provide that, for the purposes of the rules and this Act, a solicitor is not to be regarded as practising as a sole solicitor in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules.

(3) The rules must prescribe the circumstances in which a solicitor may be regarded by the Society as suitable to be authorised to practise as a sole solicitor.”

- 4 In section 2 (training regulations)—
- (a) in subsection (1) omit “, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls,”,
- (b) in subsection (3)(a)—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (i) omit “, whether by service under articles or otherwise,”,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (v) omit “articles may be discharged or”, and
- (iii) in that sub-paragraph after “be” (in the second place) insert “started or”, and
- (c) omit subsections (4) and (5).

Commencement Information

I115 Sch. 16 para. 4(b) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 4(a)(c) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 5 In section 3 (admission as solicitor), in subsection (2)—
- (a) for “Master of the Rolls” (in each place) substitute “ Society ”, and
- (b) for “his” substitute “ its ”.

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- 6 In section 6 (keeping of the roll) omit subsections (2) to (4).

- 7 In section 7 (entry of name and restoration of name struck off)—
- (a) for paragraph (a) substitute—
- “(a) of written evidence of admission of any person as a solicitor by the Society,”, and
- (b) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”.

Commencement Information

I116 Sch. 16 para. 7(b) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 7(a) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#)

- 8 (1) Section 8 (removal or restoration of name at solicitor's request) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In subsection (2) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”.
- (3) In subsection (4) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ High Court ”.
- (4) After that subsection insert—
 - “(4A) In relation to an appeal under subsection (4) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
 - (4B) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (4) shall be final.”
- (5) Omit subsection (5).

Commencement Information

II17 Sch. 16 para. 8(1)(2) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 8(3)-(5) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

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9 For sections 9 and 10 (applications for and issue of practising certificates) substitute—

“9 Applications for practising certificates

- (1) A person whose name is on the roll may apply to the Society to be issued with a practising certificate.
- (2) An application under this section may include an application for a sole solicitor endorsement.
- (3) An application under this section must be—
 - (a) made in accordance with regulations under section 28, and
 - (b) accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- (4) “The appropriate fee”, in relation to an application, means—
 - (a) any fee payable under subsection (1) of section 11 in respect of the practising certificate applied for, and
 - (b) any additional fee payable under subsection (4) of that section in respect of the application.

10 The issue of practising certificates

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, where an application is made in accordance with section 9, the Society must issue a practising certificate to the applicant if it is satisfied that the applicant—
 - (a) is not suspended from practice, and
 - (b) is complying with any prescribed requirements imposed on the applicant.

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- (2) A practising certificate issued to an applicant of a prescribed description must be issued subject to any conditions prescribed in relation to applicants of that description.
- (3) In such circumstances as may be prescribed, the Society must, if it considers it is in the public interest to do so—
- (a) refuse to issue a practising certificate under this section, or
 - (b) where it decides to issue a practising certificate, issue it subject to one or more conditions.
- (4) The conditions which may be imposed include—
- (a) conditions requiring the person to whom the certificate is issued to take specified steps that will, in the opinion of the Society, be conducive to the carrying on by that person of an efficient practice as a solicitor (including, if the certificate has a sole solicitor endorsement, an efficient practice as a sole solicitor);
 - (b) conditions which prohibit that person from taking any specified steps, except with the approval of the Society.
- (5) In this section —
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations under section 28;
- “specified”, in relation to a condition imposed on a practising certificate, means specified in the condition.”

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10 After section 10 (as inserted by paragraph 9) insert—

“10A Register of holders of practising certificates

- (1) The Society must keep a register of all solicitors who hold practising certificates.
- (2) The register must contain—
 - (a) the full name of each solicitor who holds a practising certificate,
 - (b) in relation to each solicitor who holds a practising certificate, a statement as to whether there is in force a sole solicitor endorsement, and
 - (c) such other information as may be specified in regulations under section 28(1)(d).”

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11 For section 11 (fee payable on issue of practising certificate) substitute—

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“11 Fee payable on issue of practising certificates

- (1) Before a practising certificate is issued, there must be paid to the Society in respect of the certificate a fee of such amount as the Society may from time to time determine.
- (2) Different fees may be specified for different categories of applicant and in respect of different circumstances.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where a solicitor makes an application for a practising certificate if—
 - (a) the solicitor has failed to deliver an accountant's report required by rules under section 34(1) by such time or in such circumstances as may be prescribed by those rules, and
 - (b) a practising certificate has not been issued by the Society to the solicitor since the Society became aware of the failure.
- (4) Where this subsection applies, the solicitor's application must be accompanied by an additional fee of such amount as the Society from time to time determines.”

Commencement Information

I118 Sch. 16 para. 11 wholly in force at 1.7.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 3](#))

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| 12 | Omit section 12 (discretion of Society with respect to issue of practising certificates in special cases). |
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| 13 | Omit section 12A (additional fee payable by certain solicitors on applying for practising certificates). |
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| 14 | For section 13 (appeals in connection with issue of practising certificates) substitute— |
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“13 Appeals etc in connection with the issue of practising certificates

- (1) A person who makes an application under section 9 may appeal to the High Court against—
 - (a) a decision to refuse the application for a practising certificate,
 - (b) if the application included an application for a sole solicitor endorsement, a decision to refuse the application for the endorsement, or

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- (c) a decision to impose a condition on a practising certificate issued in consequence of the application.
- (2) A person who holds a practising certificate subject to a condition within section 10(4)(b) may appeal to the High Court against any decision by the Society to refuse to approve the taking of any step for the purposes of that condition.
- (3) The Society may make rules which provide, as respects any application under section 9 that is neither granted nor refused by the Society within such period as may be specified in the rules, for enabling an appeal to be brought under this section in relation to the application as if it had been refused by the Society.
- (4) On an appeal under subsection (1), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to make a sole solicitor endorsement on the applicant's practising certificate and to issue that certificate subject to such conditions (if any) as the High Court may think fit,
 - (c) direct the Society to issue a certificate to the applicant free from conditions or subject to such conditions as the High Court may think fit,
 - (d) direct the Society not to issue a certificate,
 - (e) if a certificate has been issued, by order suspend it,
 - (f) if the certificate has been endorsed with a sole solicitor endorsement, by order suspend the endorsement, or
 - (g) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (5) On an appeal under subsection (2), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to approve the taking of one or more steps for the purposes of a condition within section 10(4)(b), or
 - (c) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (6) In relation to an appeal under this section the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (7) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (1) or (2) shall be final.”

Commencement Information

I119 Sch. 16 para. 14 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

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“13ZA Application to practise as sole practitioner while practising certificate in force

- (1) A solicitor whose practising certificate for the time being in force (his “current certificate”) does not have a sole solicitor endorsement, may apply to the Society for such an endorsement.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a practising certificate with a sole solicitor endorsement which is suspended is to be treated as having such an endorsement.
- (3) A solicitor may not apply under subsection (1) if he is suspended from practice as a sole solicitor.
- (4) An application must be—
 - (a) made in accordance with regulations under section 28, and
 - (b) accompanied by any fee payable under section 13ZB in respect of the endorsement applied for.
- (5) Where a sole solicitor endorsement is granted to an applicant of a prescribed description, the applicant's practising certificate shall have effect subject to any conditions prescribed in relation to applicants of that description.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations under section 28(3B)(f).
- (6) A person who makes an application under this section may appeal to the High Court against—
 - (a) a decision to refuse the application, or
 - (b) a decision to impose a condition on a practising certificate in accordance with subsection (5).
- (7) The Society may by rules make provision, as respects any application under this section that is neither granted nor refused by the Society within such period as may be specified in the rules, for enabling an appeal to be brought under this section in relation to the application as if it had been refused by the Society.
- (8) On an appeal under this section the High Court may—
 - (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to grant a sole solicitor endorsement,
 - (c) direct that the applicant's practising certificate is to have effect subject to such conditions (if any) as the High Court thinks fit, or
 - (d) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (9) In relation to an appeal under this section the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (10) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under this section shall be final.

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13ZB Fee payable on making of sole solicitor endorsement

- (1) Before a sole solicitor endorsement is granted under section 13ZA, there must be paid to the Society in respect of the endorsement a fee of such amount as the Society may from time to time determine.
- (2) Different fees may be specified for different categories of applicant and in different circumstances.
- (3) If a fee payable under this section would not otherwise be a practising fee for the purposes of section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007, it is to be treated for the purposes of that section as such a fee.
- (4) In subsection (3) “practising fee” has the meaning given by that section.”

Commencement Information

I120 Sch. 16 para. 15 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 3](#))

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 16 (1) Section 13A (imposition of conditions while practising certificates are in force) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsections (2) to (5) substitute—
- “(2) The power conferred by subsection (1) is exercisable in relation to a solicitor at any time during the period for which the solicitor's current certificate is in force if—
- (a) under section 13ZA the Society grants a sole solicitor endorsement, or
 - (b) it appears to the Society that the case is of a prescribed description.
- (3) “Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations under section 28.”
- (3) In subsection (6) for “Master” to the end substitute “ High Court against the decision of the Society. ”
- (4) In subsection (7)—
- (a) for “Master of the Rolls” (in both places) substitute “ High Court ”, and
 - (b) for “he” substitute “ it ”.
- (5) After that subsection insert—
- “(7A) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (6) shall be final.”
- (6) For subsection (8) substitute—
- “(8) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 10 apply for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section as they apply for the purposes of that section.”
- (7) After that subsection insert—

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- “(9) A solicitor who holds a practising certificate subject to a condition imposed under subsection (1) which prohibits that solicitor from taking any steps specified in the condition, except with the approval of the Society, may appeal to the High Court against any decision by the Society to refuse to approve the taking of any step for the purposes of that condition.
- (10) On an appeal under subsection (9), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to approve the taking of one or more steps for the purposes of the condition, or
 - (c) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (11) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (9) shall be final.
- (12) In relation to an appeal under this section the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.”

Commencement Information

I121 Sch. 16 para. 16 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 17 In section 13B (suspension of practising certificates where solicitors convicted of fraud or serious crime)—
- (a) in subsection (1), after “practising certificate” insert “ or sole solicitor endorsement ”,
 - (b) in subsection (6), after “practice” insert “ or from practice as a sole solicitor ”,
 - (c) in subsection (7) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ High Court ”,
 - (d) in subsection (8)—
 - (i) for “Master of the Rolls” (in both places) substitute “ High Court ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for “shall not be suspended but” substitute “ or sole solicitor endorsement shall not be suspended, but that the appellant's certificate ”, and
 - (iii) in paragraph (d) for “he” substitute “ it ”, and
 - (e) after that subsection insert—

“(9) In relation to an appeal under subsection (7) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.

(10) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (7) shall be final.”

Commencement Information

I122 Sch. 16 para. 17 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

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18 Omit section 14 (commencement, expiry and replacement of practising certificates).

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

19 In section 15 (suspension of practising certificates), in subsection (1A)—
(a) after “6(1)” insert “, 6A(1)”,
(b) after “1(1)(a)(i),” insert “ (aa), ”, and
(c) after “section” insert “ 31 or ”.

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

20 (1) Section 16 (duration of suspension of practising certificates) is amended as follows.
(2) For subsection (1) substitute—
“ (1) Where a practising certificate is suspended, it expires on such date as may be prescribed by regulations under section 28.”
(3) In subsection (3)(c) for “the replacement date of the certificate” substitute “ the date on which his certificate will expire ”.
(4) In subsection (5)—
(a) for “Master of the Rolls, who” substitute “ High Court, which ”, and
(b) in paragraph (b) for “he” substitute “ it ”.
(5) After that subsection insert—
“ (6) In relation to an appeal under subsection (5) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
(7) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (5) shall be final.”

Commencement Information

I123 Sch. 16 para. 20 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/1365, **art. 2(a)(iii)** (subject to **art. 4**)

21 In section 17 (publicity in relation to suspension of practising certificates), in subsections (1) and (2) omit “in the London Gazette”.

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22 After section 17 insert—

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“17A Suspension of sole solicitor endorsement

- (1) The making by the Tribunal or by the court of an order suspending a solicitor from practice as a sole solicitor shall operate to suspend any sole solicitor endorsement of that solicitor for the time being in force.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, a sole solicitor endorsement shall be deemed not to be in force at any time while it is suspended.
- (3) Subsection (2) is subject to section 13ZA(2).

17B Duration and publicity of suspension of sole solicitor endorsement

- (1) Where a sole solicitor endorsement is suspended, it expires on such date as may be prescribed by regulations under section 28.
- (2) Where a solicitor's sole solicitor endorsement is suspended—
 - (a) by an order under section 13(4), or
 - (b) by virtue of section 17A(1) in circumstances where the period of that suspension expires before the date on which his endorsement will expire,
 the solicitor may at any time before the endorsement expires apply to the Society to terminate the suspension.
- (3) Section 16(4) to (7) apply in relation to an application under subsection (2) as they apply in relation to an application under section 16(3).
- (4) Where a solicitor's sole solicitor endorsement is suspended by an order under section 13(4) or by virtue of section 17A(1), the Society shall forthwith cause notice of that suspension to be published and a note of it to be entered against the name of the solicitor on the roll.
- (5) Where any suspension is terminated by virtue of section 16(4) or (5), as applied by subsection (3) of this section, the Society shall forthwith cause a note of that termination to be entered against the name of the solicitor on the roll and, if so requested in writing by the solicitor, a notice of it to be published.”

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

23 For section 18 (evidence as to holding of practising certificates) substitute—

“18 Extracts from the roll or register etc as evidence

- (1) An extract from the roll, or an extract from the register kept under section 10A, which is certified as correct by the Society is evidence of the matters mentioned in it.
- (2) A certificate from the Society stating that—
 - (a) a person's name is or was on the roll, or

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(b) a person is or was registered in the register kept under section 10A,
is evidence of the matters stated.”

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

24 Omit section 19 (rights of practising and rights of audience).

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

25 For section 20 (unqualified person not to act as solicitor) substitute—

“20 Unqualified person not to act as solicitor

- (1) No unqualified person is to act as a solicitor.
- (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for not more than 2 years or to a fine, or to both.”

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

26 Omit—

- (a) sections 22 and 22A (unqualified person not to prepare certain instruments etc), and
- (b) section 23 (unqualified person not to prepare papers for probate etc).

Commencement Information

I124 Sch. 16 para. 26 wholly in force at 1.1.2010, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#) and with [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

27 In section 24 (application of penal provisions to body corporate), in subsection (2) from “sections” to the end substitute “ section 20 the reference to an unqualified person and the reference to a person both include a reference to a body corporate. ”

Commencement Information

I125 Sch. 16 para. 27 wholly in force at 1.1.2010, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#) and with [art. 9](#))

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28 In section 26 (time limit for commencement of certain proceedings) omit “, 22 or 23”.

Commencement Information

I126 Sch. 16 para. 28 wholly in force at 1.1.2010, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250](#), **art. 2(f)(ii)** (subject to [art. 5](#) and with [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

29 Omit section 27 (saving for persons authorised to conduct legal proceedings).

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

30 (1) Section 28 (regulations) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ Society ”,
- (b) omit “, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Lord Chief Justice,”,
- (c) in paragraph (c) omit “and applications for them”,
- (d) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(ca) sole solicitor endorsements and applications for them,”,
 - and
- (e) in paragraph (d) for “section 9” substitute “ section 10A ”.

(3) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

(4) In subsection (3A)—

- (a) for “may—” insert “may (among other things)—”
 - (za) make provision about the form in which the roll is to be kept and the manner in which entries are to be made, altered and removed;”,
- (b) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (b), and
- (c) after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) require the information on the roll to be made available to the public;
 - (f) specify the manner in which information is to be made so available and require it to be made so available during office hours and without charge.”

(5) After that subsection insert—

“(3B) Regulations about practising certificates or sole solicitor endorsements may (among other things)—

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- (a) prescribe the form and manner in which applications for, or relating to, practising certificates or sole solicitor endorsements are to be made;
 - (b) prescribe information which must be included in or accompany such applications;
 - (c) make provision about time limits for dealing with such applications, and confer on a person power to extend or bring forward such a time limit in prescribed circumstances;
 - (d) prescribe the requirements which applicants for practising certificates must satisfy before they may be issued with a practising certificate;
 - (e) prescribe descriptions of applicants, and conditions in relation to them, for the purposes of section 10(2) (circumstances in which practising certificates must be issued subject to prescribed conditions);
 - (f) prescribe descriptions of applicants, and conditions in relation to them, for the purposes of section 13ZA(5) (circumstances in which a practising certificate endorsed with a sole solicitor endorsement after it was issued must be made subject to prescribed conditions);
 - (g) prescribe circumstances for the purposes of section 10(3) (circumstances in which application may be refused etc in the public interest);
 - (h) make provision about when conditions imposed on practising certificates take effect (including provision conferring power on the Society to direct that a condition is not to have effect until the conclusion of any appeal in relation to it);
 - (i) make provision for the commencement, duration, replacement, withdrawal and expiry of practising certificates or sole solicitor endorsements;
 - (j) prescribe circumstances for the purposes of section 13A(2) (circumstances in which conditions can be imposed during period of practising certificate);
 - (k) require solicitors who hold practising certificates to notify the Society of such matters as may be prescribed, at such times, or in such circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (3C) Regulations about the keeping of the register under section 10A may (among other things)—
- (a) make provision about the form in which the register is to be kept and the manner in which entries are to be made, altered and removed;
 - (b) require information of a specified kind to be included in entries in the register;
 - (c) require information (or information of a specified description) on the register to be made available to the public;
 - (d) specify the manner in which it is to be made so available and require it to be made so available during office hours and without charge.
- (3D) Regulations under this section may make provision for appeals to the High Court against decisions made by the Society under the regulations.

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(3E) In relation to an appeal under regulations made by virtue of subsection (3D), the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.

(3F) The decision of the High Court on such an appeal shall be final.

(3G) Regulations under this section may—

- (a) provide for a person to exercise a discretion in dealing with any matter;
- (b) include incidental, supplementary and consequential provision;
- (c) make transitory or transitional provision and savings;
- (d) make provision generally or only in relation to specified cases or subject to specified exceptions;
- (e) make different provision for different cases.”

(6) Omit subsections (4) and (5).

Commencement Information

I127 Sch. 16 para. 30 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iv\)](#) (subject to [arts. 3, 4](#))

31 (1) Section 31 (rules as to professional practice, conduct and discipline) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) for “Council may, if they think fit,” substitute “ Society may ”,
- (b) omit “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”,
- (c) after “conduct” insert “, fitness to practise ”,
- (d) for “Council” (in the second place) substitute “ Society ”, and
- (e) after “being” insert “, or have been, ”.

(3) After that subsection insert—

“(1A) The powers conferred on the Society by subsection (1) include power to make, in relation to solicitors, provision of a kind which the Society would be prohibited from making but for section 157(5)(c) of the Legal Services Act 2007 (exception from prohibition on approved regulators making provision for redress).”

(4) Omit subsections (3) and (4).

Commencement Information

I128 Sch. 16 para. 31(1)(2)(a)(d) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 31(2)(c)(e) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 31(2)(b)(3)(4) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 32 (1) Section 32 (accounts rules and trust accounts rules) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) for “Council” (in the first place) substitute “ Society ”,
 - (b) omit “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls”,
 - (c) for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
 - “(a) as to the opening and keeping by solicitors of accounts at banks or with building societies for money within subsection (1A);
 - (aa) as to the operation by solicitors of accounts kept by their clients or other persons at banks or with building societies or other financial institutions;
 - (b) as to the keeping by solicitors of accounts containing information as to money received, held or paid by them for or on account of their clients or other persons (including money received, held or paid under a trust); and”
 - (d) in paragraph (c) of that subsection—
 - (i) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”,
 - (ii) for “them” substitute “ it ”, and
 - (iii) after “being” insert “, or have been, ”, and
 - (e) omit from “and the rules” to the end.
- (3) After that subsection insert—
- “(1A) The money referred to in subsection (1) is money (including money held on trust) which is received, held or dealt with for clients or other persons.”
- (4) Omit subsection (2).
- (5) In subsection (4)—
- (a) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”,
 - (b) omit “or (2)”, and
 - (c) after “solicitor” (in both places) insert “ or any of his employees ”.
- (6) In subsection (5) for “by virtue” to the end substitute “ or a part of the rules. ”
- (7) Omit subsection (6).

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 16 para. 32(1)(2)(a)(c)-(e)(3)-(7) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 32(2)(b) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 33 (1) Section 33 (interest on clients' money) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) substitute—

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“(1) Rules under section 32 may require a solicitor to pay interest, or sums in lieu of and equivalent to interest, to a client, any other person or any trust, for whom the solicitor holds money.”

(3) In subsection (2), omit from “and the rules” to the end.

(4) For subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) Except as provided by the rules, a solicitor is not liable to account to any client, other person or trust for interest received by the solicitor on money held at a bank or building society in an account which is for money received or held for, or on account of—

- (a) the solicitor's clients, other persons or trusts, generally, or
- (b) that client, person or trust, separately.”

(5) For subsection (4) substitute—

“(4) Rules under section 32 may—

- (a) prescribe the circumstances in which a solicitor may make arrangements to limit or exclude an obligation imposed on the solicitor by rules made by virtue of this section, and
- (b) prescribe the requirements to be met by and in relation to those arrangements.”

34 (1) Section 33A (inspection of practice bank accounts etc) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) for “Council” (in each place) substitute “ Society ”, and
- (b) omit “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”.

(3) In subsection (2) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”.

Commencement Information

I130 Sch. 16 para. 34(1)(2)(a)(3) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 34(2)(b) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)

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35 (1) Section 34 (accountants' reports) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (1) to (5A) substitute—

“(1) The Society may make rules requiring solicitors to provide the Society with reports signed by an accountant (in this section referred to as an “accountant's report”) at such times or in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules.

(2) The rules may specify requirements to be met by, or in relation to, an accountant's report (including requirements relating to the accountant who signs the report).”

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- (3) In subsection (6) for “this section or of any rules made under it” substitute “ any rules made under this section ”.
- (4) Omit subsections (7) and (8).
- (5) At the end insert—
- “(9) Where an accountant, during the course of preparing an accountant's report—
- (a) discovers evidence of fraud or theft in relation to money held by a solicitor for a client or any other person (including money held on trust) or money held in an account of a client of a solicitor, or an account of another person, which is operated by the solicitor, or
 - (b) obtains information which the accountant has reasonable cause to believe is likely to be of material significance in determining whether a solicitor is a fit and proper person to hold money for clients or other persons (including money held on trust) or to operate an account of a client of the solicitor or an account of another person,
- the accountant must immediately give a report of the matter to the Society.
- (10) No duty to which an accountant is subject is to be regarded as contravened merely because of any information or opinion contained in a report under subsection (9).”

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36 After section 34 insert—

“Sole solicitors

34A Employees of solicitors

- (1) Rules made by the Society may provide for any rules made under section 31, 32, 33A or 34 to have effect in relation to employees of solicitors with such additions, omissions or other modifications as appear to the Society to be necessary or expedient.
- (2) If any employee of a solicitor fails to comply with rules made under section 31 or 32, as they have effect in relation to the employee by virtue of subsection (1), any person may make a complaint in respect of that failure to the Tribunal.
- (3) If any employee of a solicitor fails to comply with rules made under section 34, as they have effect in relation to the employee by virtue of subsection (1), a complaint in respect of that failure may be made to the Tribunal by or on behalf of the Society.

34B Employees of solicitors: accounts rules etc

- (1) Where rules made under section 32(1) have effect in relation to employees of solicitors by virtue of section 34A(1), section 85 applies in relation to

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an employee to whom the rules have effect who keeps an account with a bank or building society in pursuance of such rules as it applies in relation to a solicitor who keeps such an account in pursuance of rules under section 32.

- (2) Subsection (3) applies where rules made under section 32—
 - (a) contain any such provision as is referred to in section 33(1), and
 - (b) have effect in relation to employees of solicitors by virtue of section 34A(1).
- (3) Except as provided by the rules, an employee to whom the rules are applied is not liable to account to any client, other person or trust for interest received by the employee on money held at a bank or building society in an account which is for money received or held for, or on account of—
 - (a) clients of the solicitor, other persons or trusts, generally, or
 - (b) that client, person or trust, separately.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where rules made under section 33A(1) have effect in relation to employees of solicitors by virtue of section 34A(1).
- (5) The Society may disclose a report on or information about the accounts of any employee of a solicitor obtained in pursuance of such rules for use—
 - (a) in investigating the possible commission of an offence by the solicitor or any employees of the solicitor, and
 - (b) in connection with any prosecution of the solicitor or any employees of the solicitor consequent on the investigation.
- (6) Where rules made under section 34 have effect in relation to employees of solicitors by virtue of section 34A(1), section 34(9) and (10) apply in relation to such an employee as they apply in relation to a solicitor.”

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37 For section 36 (compensation fund) substitute—

“36 Compensation grants

- (1) The Society may make rules concerning the grant of compensation by the Society in respect of loss that a person has suffered, or is likely to suffer, as a result of—
 - (a) an act or omission of a solicitor or former solicitor;
 - (b) an act or omission of an employee or former employee of a solicitor or former solicitor;
 - (c) the exercise by the Society of any of its powers under Part 2 of Schedule 1.
- (2) The rules may (among other things) make provision—
 - (a) as to the circumstances in which such grants may and may not be made;
 - (b) as to the form and manner in which a compensation claim is to be made;

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- (c) as to the procedure for determining compensation claims;
 - (d) for the making of grants in respect of a compensation claim before it is finally determined;
 - (e) for a grant to be made by way of loan in such circumstances and on such terms as may be prescribed in, or determined in accordance with, the rules;
 - (f) for a grant to be made by way of making good a deficiency in monies held in trust by the Society under paragraph 6 or 6A of Schedule 1;
 - (g) as to the minimum and maximum grants payable in respect of a compensation claim (or a claim of a prescribed description);
 - (h) for the Society to be subrogated, to such extent as may be prescribed, to any rights and remedies of a person to whom a grant is made in relation to the loss in respect of which the grant is made.
- (3) The circumstances which may be prescribed by virtue of subsection (2)
- (a) include in particular—
 - (a) the nature of the loss;
 - (b) in a case within subsection (1)(a) or (b), the nature of the act or omission.
 - (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(f), there is a deficiency if the monies mentioned in that subsection are insufficient to satisfy the claims of all persons with a beneficial interest in the monies.
 - (5) The Society may prepare and publish guidance as to the criteria it will apply in deciding whether to make a grant in respect of a compensation claim, or any part of a compensation claim.
 - (6) Where the Society decides—
 - (a) not to make a grant in respect of a compensation claim or any part of a compensation claim, or
 - (b) to make a grant of less than the amount claimed,it must give reasons for its decision.
 - (7) Rules under subsection (1) which are not regulatory arrangements within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 are to be treated as such arrangements for the purposes of that Act.
 - (8) In this section—
 - “compensation claim” means a claim for the Society to make a grant of the kind mentioned in subsection (1);
 - “prescribed” means prescribed in rules under subsection (1).

36A Compensation funds

- (1) Compensation rules may require or authorise the Society to establish or maintain a fund or funds (“compensation funds”) for the purpose of making grants in respect of compensation claims.
- (2) Compensation rules may require solicitors, or solicitors of a description prescribed in the rules, to make contributions to compensation funds

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of such amounts, at such times and in such circumstances, as may be prescribed in or determined in accordance with the rules.

- (3) Any amount payable by virtue of such a requirement may be recovered as a debt due to the Society.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply to a solicitor who is a Crown Prosecutor.
- (5) The Society may invest any money which forms part of a compensation fund in any investments in which trustees may invest under the general power of investment in section 3 of the Trustee Act 2000 (as restricted by sections 4 and 5 of that Act).
- (6) The Society may insure with authorised insurers, in relation to compensation funds, for such purposes and on such terms as it considers appropriate.
- (7) The Society may, in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in or determined in accordance with compensation rules—
 - (a) borrow for the purposes of a compensation fund;
 - (b) charge investments which form part of a compensation fund as security for borrowing by the Society for the purposes of that fund.
- (8) A compensation fund may be applied by the Society for the purposes mentioned in subsection (9) (in addition to the making of grants in respect of compensation claims).
- (9) The purposes are—
 - (a) payment of premiums on insurance policies effected under subsection (6);
 - (b) repayment of money borrowed by the Society for the purposes of the fund and payment of interest on any money so borrowed;
 - (c) payment of any other costs, charges or expenses incurred by the Society in establishing, maintaining, protecting administering or applying the fund;
 - (d) payment of any costs, charges or expenses incurred by the Society in exercising its powers under Part 2 of Schedule 1;
 - (e) payment of any costs or damages incurred by the Society, its employees or agents as a result of proceedings against it or them for any act or omission of its or theirs in good faith and in the exercise or purported exercise of such powers.
- (10) In this section—
 - “compensation claim” has the same meaning as in section 36;
 - “compensation fund” has the meaning given by subsection (1);
 - “compensation rules” means rules under section 36(1).”

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Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 16 para. 37 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [arts. 4, 5](#))

- 38 In section 37 (professional indemnity)—
- (a) in subsection (1) for “Council, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,” substitute “ Society ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (3)(h)—
 - (i) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”,
 - (ii) for “they consider” substitute “ it considers ”, and
 - (iii) after “being” insert “ , or have been, ”.

Commencement Information

I132 Sch. 16 para. 38(a) in force for certain purposes and Sch. 16 para. 38(b)(i)(ii) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 38(b)(iii) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 38(a) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#)

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

- 39 Omit section 37A (redress for inadequate professional services).

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 40 Omit section 40 (solicitor not to commence or defend actions while in prison).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 41 (1) Section 41 (employment by solicitor of person struck off or suspended) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (1A) insert—
- “(1B) Where—
- (a) a solicitor (“the employed solicitor”) is employed by another solicitor in accordance with a written permission granted under this section, and
 - (b) the employed solicitor is disqualified from practising as a solicitor by reason of a fact mentioned in subsection (1)(b) or (c),
- section 20(1) does not apply in relation to anything done by the employed solicitor in the course of that employment.”
- (3) In subsection (3)—
- (a) for “Master of the Rolls who” substitute “ High Court which ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (b) for “he” substitute “ it ”.
- (4) In subsection (4) for “shall” to the end substitute “may—

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- (a) order that his name be struck off the roll,
- (b) order that he be suspended from practice for such period as the Tribunal or court thinks fit, or
- (c) make such other order in the matter as it thinks fit.”

(5) After that subsection insert—

“(4A) In relation to an appeal under subsection (3) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.

(4B) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (3) shall be final.”

(6) Omit subsection (5).

Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 16 para. 41(1)(2) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 41(3)-(6) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

42 (1) Section 43 (control of solicitors' employees and consultants) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (1), (1A) and (2) substitute—

“(1) Where a person who is or was involved in a legal practice but is not a solicitor—

- (a) has been convicted of a criminal offence which is such that in the opinion of the Society it would be undesirable for the person to be involved in a legal practice in one or more of the ways mentioned in subsection (1A), or
- (b) has, in the opinion of the Society, occasioned or been a party to, with or without the connivance of a solicitor, an act or default in relation to a legal practice which involved conduct on his part of such a nature that in the opinion of the Society it would be undesirable for him to be involved in a legal practice in one or more of the ways mentioned in subsection (1A),

the Society may either make, or make an application to the Tribunal for it to make, an order under subsection (2) with respect to that person.

(1A) A person is involved in a legal practice for the purposes of this section if the person—

- (a) is employed or remunerated by a solicitor in connection with the solicitor's practice;
- (b) is undertaking work in the name of, or under the direction or supervision of, a solicitor;
- (c) is employed or remunerated by a recognised body;
- (d) is employed or remunerated by a manager or employee of a recognised body in connection with that body's business;
- (e) is a manager of a recognised body;

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- (f) has or intends to acquire an interest in such a body.
- (2) An order made by the Society or the Tribunal under this subsection is an order which states one or more of the following—
- (a) that as from the specified date—
- (i) no solicitor shall employ or remunerate, in connection with his practice as a solicitor, the person with respect to whom the order is made,
- (ii) no employee of a solicitor shall employ or remunerate, in connection with the solicitor's practice, the person with respect to whom the order is made,
- (iii) no recognised body shall employ or remunerate that person, and
- (iv) no manager or employee of a recognised body shall employ or remunerate that person in connection with the business of that body,
- except in accordance with a Society permission;
- (b) that as from the specified date no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall, except in accordance with a Society permission, permit the person with respect to whom the order is made to be a manager of the body;
- (c) that as from the specified date no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall, except in accordance with a Society permission, permit the person with respect to whom the order is made to have an interest in the body.
- (2A) The Society may make regulations prescribing charges to be paid to the Society by persons who are the subject of an investigation by the Society as to whether there are grounds for the Society—
- (a) to make an order under subsection (2), or
- (b) to make an application to the Tribunal for it to make such an order.
- (2B) Regulations under subsection (2A) may—
- (a) make different provision for different cases or purposes;
- (b) provide for the whole or part of a charge payable under the regulations to be repaid in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (2C) Any charge which a person is required to pay under regulations under subsection (2A) is recoverable by the Society as a debt due to the Society from the person.”
- (3) In subsection (5) omit—
- (a) “by any solicitor”, and
- (b) the words from “but” to the end.
- (4) After that subsection insert—
- “(5A) In this section—
- “manager”, in relation to a recognised body, has the same meaning as it has in relation to a body in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);

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“recognised body” means a body recognised under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985;

“specified date” means such date as may be specified in the order;

“Society permission” means permission in writing granted by the Society for such period and subject to such conditions as the Society may think fit to specify in the permission.

(5B) A person has an interest in a recognised body for the purposes of this section if the person has an interest in that body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).”

Commencement Information

I134 Sch. 16 para. 42 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

43 In section 44 (offences in connection with orders under section 43(2))—

(a) for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) It is an offence for a person in respect of whom there is in force an order under section 43(2) which contains provision within section 43(2)(a)—

(a) to seek or accept any employment or remuneration from a solicitor, or an employee of a solicitor, in connection with the practice carried on by that solicitor without previously informing the solicitor or employee of the order;

(b) to seek or accept any employment or remuneration from a recognised body, or a manager or employee of a recognised body, in connection with that body's business, without previously informing the body, or manager or employee, of the order.

(1A) It is an offence for a person in respect of whom there is in force an order under section 43(2) which contains provision within section 43(2)(b) to seek or accept a position as a manager of a recognised body, without previously informing that body of the order.

(1B) It is an offence for a person in respect of whom there is in force an order under section 43(2) which contains provision within section 43(2)(c) to seek or accept an interest in a recognised body from any person, without previously informing that person and (if different) the recognised body of the order.

(1C) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1), (1A) or (1B) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.”

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(b) in subsection (2) for “the employment of that person” substitute “ the taking of any action ”, and

(c) after subsection (4) insert—

“(5) In this section—

“manager” has the same meaning as in section 43;

“recognised body” means a body recognised under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985;

and for the purposes of subsection (1B) a person seeks or accepts an interest in a recognised body if the person seeks or accepts an interest which if it were obtained by the person would result in the person having an interest in that body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

44 For section 44B (examination of files) substitute—

“44B Provision of information and documents by solicitors etc

(1) The Society may by notice require a person to whom this section applies—

- (a) to provide information, or information of a description, specified in the notice, or
- (b) produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice.

(2) This section applies to—

- (a) a solicitor;
- (b) an employee of a solicitor;
- (c) a recognised body;
- (d) an employee or manager of, or a person with an interest in, a recognised body.

(3) The Society may give a notice under this section only if it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purpose of investigating—

- (a) whether there has been professional misconduct by a solicitor;
- (b) whether a solicitor, or an employee of a solicitor, has failed to comply with any requirements imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules made by the Society;
- (c) whether a recognised body, or any of its managers or employees has failed to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 or any rules made by the Society and applicable to the body, manager or employee by virtue of section 9 of that Act;
- (d) whether there are grounds for making, or making an application to the Tribunal for it to make, an order under section 43(2) with respect to a person who is or was involved in a legal practice (within the meaning of section 43(1A)).

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- (4) A notice under this section—
- (a) may specify the time and place at which, and manner and form in which, the information is to be provided or document is to be produced;
 - (b) must specify the period within which the information is to be provided or the document produced;
 - (c) may require the information to be provided or document to be produced to the Society or to a person specified in the notice.
- (5) The Society may pay to any person such reasonable costs as may be incurred by that person in connection with the provision of any information, or production of any document, by that person pursuant to a notice under this section.
- (6) Paragraphs 9(3) and (4) and 13, 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 apply in relation to the powers to obtain information conferred by this section, but for this purpose—
- (a) paragraph 9 of that Schedule has effect as if—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (3) for “such documents” there were substituted “information to which a notice given to him under section 44B applies”,
 - (ii) in that sub-paragraph for “sub-paragraph (1)” there were substituted “the notice”, and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (4) for “produce” (in the first place) to the end there were substituted “provide information pursuant to a notice under section 44B to provide the information to any person appointed by the Society at such time and place as may be specified in the order.”, and
 - (b) the reference to the solicitor or his personal representative in paragraph 13 of that Schedule is to be construed as a reference to the person to whom the notice was given under this section.
- (7) Paragraphs 9 (other than sub-paragraphs (1) and (3)), 12, 13, 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 apply in relation to the powers to obtain documents conferred by this section as they apply in relation to the powers conferred by paragraph 9(1) of that Schedule, except that for this purpose—
- (a) any reference in paragraph 9 of that Schedule to a person appointed, or to a requirement, under sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph is to be construed as a reference to a person appointed, or to a requirement to produce documents, under this section,
 - (b) any reference in that paragraph to any such documents as are mentioned in paragraph 9(1) of that Schedule is to be construed as a reference to any documents to which a notice under this section applies,
 - (c) the references to the solicitor or his firm in paragraph 9(5) and (6) of that Schedule, and the reference to the solicitor or personal representative in paragraph 9(7) of that Schedule, are to be construed as references to the person to whom the notice was given under this section, and

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- (d) the reference in paragraph 9(12) of that Schedule to the Society is to be construed as including a reference to a person specified under subsection (4)(c).
- (8) Where powers conferred by Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act are exercisable in relation to a person within paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) of subsection (2), they continue to be so exercisable after the person has ceased to be a person within the paragraph in question.
- (9) In this section—
- “manager” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);
- “recognised body” means a body recognised under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985;
- and the reference to a person who has an interest in a recognised body is to be construed in accordance with sections 72 and 109 of the Legal Services Act 2007.

44BA Power to require explanation of document or information

- (1) The Society may, by notice, require a person to whom a notice is given under section 44B (or a representative of the person) to attend at a time and place specified in the notice to provide an explanation of any information provided or document produced pursuant to the notice.
- (2) The Society may pay to any person such reasonable costs as may be incurred by that person in connection with that person's compliance with a requirement imposed under subsection (1).
- (3) Paragraphs 9(3) and (4) and 13, 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 apply in relation to a notice under this section, except that for this purpose—
- (a) paragraph 9 of that Schedule has effect as if—
- (i) in sub-paragraph (3) for “having” to “sub-paragraph (1)” there were substituted “refuses, neglects or otherwise fails to comply with a requirement under section 44BA(1)”, and
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (4) for “produce” (in the first place) to the end there were substituted “provide an explanation of any information provided or document produced pursuant to a notice under section 44B (or a representative of such a person) to attend at a time and place specified in the order to provide an explanation of any information so provided or document so produced.”, and
- (b) the reference to the solicitor or his personal representative in paragraph 13 of that Schedule is to be construed as a reference to the person to whom the notice was given under this section.

44BB Provision of information and documents by other persons

- (1) The High Court, on the application of the Society, may order a person to whom section 44B does not apply—

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- (a) to provide information, or information of a description, specified in the notice, or
 - (b) to produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice.
- (2) The High Court may make an order under this section only if it is satisfied—
- (a) that it is likely that the information or document is in the possession or custody of, or under the control of, the person, and
 - (b) that there is reasonable cause to believe that the information or document is likely to be of material significance to an investigation into any of the matters mentioned in section 44B(3)(a) to (d).
- (3) An order under this section may direct the Society to pay to a person specified in the order such reasonable costs as may be incurred by that person in connection with the provision of any information, or production of any document, by that person pursuant to the order.
- (4) Section 44B(4) applies in relation to an order under this section as it applies in relation to a notice under section 44B.
- (5) Paragraphs 9(5A) and (7) to (12), 12, 13, 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 apply in relation to an order under this section as they apply in relation to an order under paragraph 9(4) of that Schedule, except that for this purpose—
- (a) the reference to the solicitor or personal representative in paragraph 9(7) of that Schedule is to be construed as a reference to the person in respect of whom the order under this section is made,
 - (b) the reference in paragraph 9(12) of that Schedule to the Society is to be read as including a reference to a person specified under section 44B(4)(c) (as applied by subsection (4) of this section), and
 - (c) the reference to the solicitor or his personal representative in paragraph 13 of that Schedule is to be construed as a reference to the person to whom the notice was given under this section.

44BC Information offences

- (1) It is an offence for a person who knows or suspects an investigation into any of the matters mentioned in section 44B(3)(a) to (d) is being or is likely to be conducted—
- (a) to falsify, conceal, destroy or otherwise dispose of a document which the person knows or suspects is or would be relevant to the investigation, or
 - (b) to cause or permit the falsification, concealment, destruction or disposal of such a document.
- (2) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) it is a defence for the accused to show that the accused had no intention of concealing facts disclosed by the documents from the person conducting the investigation.

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- (3) It is an offence for a person, in purported compliance with a requirement imposed on the person under section 44B, 44BA or 44BB—
- (a) to provide information which the person knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or
 - (b) recklessly to provide information which is false or misleading in a material particular.
- (4) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) or (3) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine, or both.
- (5) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) or (3) committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 the reference in subsection (4)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.”

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 16 para. 44 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

45 For section 44C (payment of costs of investigations) substitute—

“44C Power to charge for costs of investigations

- (1) The Society may make regulations prescribing charges to be paid to the Society by solicitors who are the subject of a discipline investigation.
- (2) A “discipline investigation” is an investigation carried out by the Society into—
 - (a) possible professional misconduct by a solicitor, or
 - (b) a failure or apprehended failure by a solicitor to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules made by the Society.
- (3) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) make different provision for different cases or purposes;
 - (b) provide for the whole or part of a charge payable under the regulations to be repaid in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (4) Any charge which a solicitor is required to pay under regulations under this section is recoverable by the Society as a debt due to the Society from the solicitor.

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(5) This section (other than subsection (2)(a)) applies in relation to an employee of a solicitor as it applies in relation to a solicitor.”

Commencement Information

I136 Sch. 16 para. 45 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

46 After that section insert—

“Disciplinary powers of the Society

44D Disciplinary powers of the Society

- (1) This section applies where the Society is satisfied—
 - (a) that a solicitor or an employee of a solicitor has failed to comply with a requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules made by the Society, or
 - (b) that there has been professional misconduct by a solicitor.
- (2) The Society may do one or both of the following—
 - (a) give the person a written rebuke;
 - (b) direct the person to pay a penalty not exceeding £2,000.
- (3) The Society may publish details of any action it has taken under subsection (2)(a) or (b), if it considers it to be in the public interest to do so.
- (4) Where the Society takes action against a person under subsection (2)(b), or decides to publish under subsection (3) details of any action taken under subsection (2)(a) or (b), it must notify the person in writing that it has done so.
- (5) A penalty imposed under subsection (2)(b) does not become payable until—
 - (a) the end of the period during which an appeal against the decision to impose the penalty, or the amount of the penalty, may be made under section 44E, or
 - (b) if such an appeal is made, such time as it is determined or withdrawn.
- (6) The Society may not publish under subsection (3) details of any action under subsection (2)(a) or (b)—
 - (a) during the period within which an appeal against—
 - (i) the decision to take the action,
 - (ii) in the case of action under subsection (2)(b), the amount of the penalty, or
 - (iii) the decision to publish the details,

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- may be made under section 44E, or
- (b) if such an appeal has been made, until such time as it is determined or withdrawn.
- (7) The Society must make rules—
- (a) prescribing the circumstances in which the Society may decide to take action under subsection (2)(a) or (b);
- (b) about the practice and procedure to be followed by the Society in relation to such action;
- (c) governing the publication under subsection (3) of details of action taken under subsection (2)(a) or (b);
- and the Society may make such other rules in connection with the exercise of its powers under this section as it considers appropriate.
- (8) Before making rules under subsection (7), the Society must consult the Tribunal.
- (9) A penalty payable under this section may be recovered as a debt due to the Society, and is to be forfeited to Her Majesty.
- (10) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, amend paragraph (b) of subsection (2) so as to substitute for the amount for the time being specified in that paragraph such other amount as may be specified in the order.
- (11) Before making an order under subsection (10), the Lord Chancellor must consult the Society.
- (12) An order under subsection (10) is to be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (13) This section is without prejudice to any power conferred on the Society or any other person to make an application or complaint to the Tribunal.

44E Appeals against disciplinary action under section 44D

- (1) A person may appeal against—
- (a) a decision by the Society to rebuke that person under section 44D(2)(a) if a decision is also made to publish details of the rebuke;
- (b) a decision by the Society to impose a penalty on that person under section 44D(2)(b) or the amount of that penalty;
- (c) a decision by the Society to publish under section 44D(3) details of any action taken against that person under section 44D(2)(a) or (b).
- (2) Subsections (9)(b), (10)(a) and (b), (11) and (12) of section 46 (Tribunal rules about procedure for hearings etc) apply in relation to appeals under this section as they apply in relation to applications or complaints, except that subsection (11) of that section is to be read as if for “the applicant” to “application” there were substituted “any party to the appeal”.

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- (3) Rules under section 46(9)(b) may, in particular, make provision about the period during which an appeal under this section may be made.
- (4) On an appeal under this section, the Tribunal has power to make such order as it thinks fit, and such an order may in particular—
 - (a) affirm the decision of the Society;
 - (b) revoke the decision of the Society;
 - (c) in the case of a penalty imposed under section 44D(2)(b), vary the amount of the penalty;
 - (d) in the case of a solicitor, contain provision for any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 47(2);
 - (e) in the case of an employee of a solicitor, contain provision for any of the matters mentioned in section 47(2E);
 - (f) make such provision as the Tribunal thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (5) Where by virtue of subsection (4)(e) an order contains provision for any of the matters mentioned in section 47(2E)(c), section 47(2F) and (2G) apply as if the order had been made under section 47(2E)(c).
- (6) An appeal from the Tribunal shall lie to the High Court, at the instance of the Society or the person in respect of whom the order of the Tribunal was made.
- (7) The High Court shall have power to make such order on an appeal under this section as it may think fit.
- (8) Any decision of the High Court on an appeal under this section shall be final.
- (9) This section is without prejudice to any power conferred on the Tribunal in connection with an application or complaint made to it.”

Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 16 para. 46 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 47 (1) Section 46 (solicitors disciplinary tribunal) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (5) substitute—

“(5) The Tribunal may pay its members such remuneration, fees or allowances as it may determine with the approval of the Legal Services Board.”
- (3) After that subsection insert—

“(5A) The Tribunal may do anything calculated to facilitate, or incidental or conducive to, the carrying out of any of its functions.”
- (4) Omit subsections (6) to (8).

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(5) In subsection (9)—

- (a) for “Subject to subsections (6) to (8), the” substitute “ The ”,
- (b) omit “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”, and
- (c) in paragraph (b) after “complaints” insert “ (including provision about the composition of the Tribunal) ”.

Commencement Information

I138 Sch. 16 para. 47 wholly in force at 30.6.2008, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2008/1436](#), **art. 2(d)** (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

48 After that section insert—

“46A Funding of the Tribunal

- (1) The Tribunal must submit to the Society in respect of each year a budget for the year approved by the Legal Services Board.
- (2) A budget for a year is a statement of the amount of money which the Tribunal estimates is required to enable it to meet all of its expenditure in that year (having regard to any amounts received but not spent in previous years).
- (3) Before approving a statement for the purposes of subsection (1) the Legal Services Board must consult the Society.
- (4) The budget for a year must be submitted to the Society under subsection (1) no later than the date in the preceding year specified by the Society for the purposes of this subsection.
- (5) Before specifying a date for this purpose the Society must consult the Tribunal.
- (6) The amount specified in a budget submitted under subsection (1) must be paid by the Society to the Tribunal—
 - (a) in such instalments and at such times as may be agreed between the Society and the Tribunal, or
 - (b) in the absence of such agreement, before the beginning of the year to which the budget relates.
- (7) The Society may pay the Tribunal such other amounts as the Society considers appropriate.
- (8) In this section “year” means a calendar year.”

Commencement Information

I139 Sch. 16 para. 48 wholly in force at 30.6.2008, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2008/1436](#), **art. 2(d)(i)** (subject to [art. 4](#))

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VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 49 In section 47 (jurisdiction and powers of Tribunal)—
- (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (e) insert—
 - “(ea) by a solicitor who has been suspended from practice as a sole solicitor for an unspecified period, by order of the Tribunal, for the termination of that suspension;”
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “subsection” (where it first occurs) substitute “subsections (2E) and ”
 - (c) after subsection (2)(b) insert—
 - “(ba) the revocation of that solicitor's sole solicitor endorsement (if any);
 - (bb) the suspension of that solicitor from practice as a sole solicitor indefinitely or for a specified period;”
 - (d) in subsection (2)(c) omit “not exceeding £5,000”
 - (e) after subsection (2)(e) insert—
 - “(ea) the termination of that solicitor's unspecified period of suspension from practice as a sole solicitor;”
 - (f) after subsection (2D) insert—
 - “(2E) On the hearing of any complaint made to the Tribunal by virtue of section 34A(2) or (3), the Tribunal shall have power to make one or more of the following—
 - (a) an order directing the payment by the employee to whom the complaint relates of a penalty to be forfeited to Her Majesty;
 - (b) an order requiring the Society to consider taking such steps as the Tribunal may specify in relation to that employee;
 - (c) if that employee is not a solicitor, an order which states one or more of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 43(2);
 - (d) an order requiring the Society to refer to an appropriate regulator any matter relating to the conduct of that employee.
 - (2F) Subsections (1) to (1C), (3) and (4) of section 44 apply in relation to an order under subsection (2E)(c) as they apply in relation to an order under section 43(2).
 - (2G) Section 44(2), paragraph 16(1)(d) and (1A)(d) of Schedule 2 to the Administration of Justice Act 1985 and paragraph 15(3A) of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 apply in relation to an order under subsection (2E)(c) as they apply in relation to an order under section 43(2).
 - (2H) For the purposes of subsection (2E)(d) an “appropriate regulator” in relation to an employee means—
 - (a) if the employee is an authorised person in relation to a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007), any relevant approved regulator

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	<p>(within the meaning of that Act) in relation to that employee, and</p> <p>(b) if the employee carries on activities which are not reserved legal activities (within the meaning of that Act), any body which regulates the carrying on of such activities by the employee.”,</p> <p>(g) after subsection (3A) insert—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(3B) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section permits the Tribunal to make an order requiring redress to be made in respect of any act or omission of any person.”, and</p> <p>(h) omit subsections (4) and (5).</p>
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Commencement Information

I140 Sch. 16 para. 49(b)(d)(f)(h) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#)); Sch. 16 para. 49(a)(c)(e) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#)

50	<p>In section 48 (orders of Tribunal)—</p> <p>(a) in subsection (2)(b)—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) after “(e),” insert “ (ea), ”, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) omit “in the London Gazette”,</p> <p>(b) in subsection (3) for “Subject to section 43(5), any” substitute “ Any ”, and</p> <p>(c) after subsection (4) insert—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(5) In the case of orders of the Tribunal under section 44E, the reference in subsection (2)(a) to the application or complaint is to be read as a reference to the Tribunal's order.”</p>
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Commencement Information

I141 Sch. 16 para. 50(a)(ii) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 50(b)(c) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 50(a)(i) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#)

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

51	<p>(1) Section 49 (appeals from Tribunal) is amended as follows.</p> <p>(2) In subsection (1) for “lie—” to the end substitute “ lie to the High Court ”.</p> <p>(3) In subsection (2), after “(3)” insert “ and to section 43(5) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 ”.</p> <p>(4) In subsection (3) for “legal aid work (within the meaning of that section)” substitute “ providing representation funded by the Legal Services Commission as part of the Criminal Defence Service ”.</p> <p>(5) In subsection (4)—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) omit “and the Master of the Rolls”, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) for “they” substitute “ it ”.</p>
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(6) For subsection (6) substitute—

“(6) Any decision of the High Court—

- (a) on an application under section 43(3) or 47(1)(d), (e), (ea) or (f), or
- (b) against an order under section 43(3A),

shall be final.”

(7) Omit subsection (7).

Commencement Information

I142 Sch. 16 para. 51 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

52 After that section insert—

“49A Appeals to the Tribunal instead of the High Court

- (1) The Society may, with the approval of the Tribunal, make rules which provide that in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules an appeal under any of the provisions listed in subsection (2) lies to the Tribunal and not to the High Court.
- (2) Those provisions are—
 - (a) section 8(4);
 - (b) section 13A(6);
 - (c) section 16(5);
 - (d) section 28(3D);
 - (e) section 41(3);
 - (f) paragraph 14 of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (foreign lawyers: appeals against conditions or refusals).
- (3) Any decision of the Tribunal on an appeal by virtue of rules made under this section shall be final.”

53 In section 54 (restrictions on powers to strike names off roll)—

- (a) in subsection (1) for “service under articles” substitute “ persons seeking admission as solicitors ”, and
- (b) in subsection (2) for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
 - “(a) that a solicitor who undertook a training responsibility for him under training regulations neglected or omitted to take out a practising certificate; or
 - (b) that the name of a solicitor who undertook such a responsibility for a period has been removed from or struck off the roll after the end of that period.”

54 (1) Section 56 (orders as to remuneration for non-contentious business) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”,
 - (b) after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(da) a member of the Legal Services Board nominated by that Board;”, and
 - (c) in paragraph (e) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”.
- (3) In subsection (2) for “(the Secretary of State” to “think fit” substitute “ (the Lord Chancellor being one), may make general orders prescribing the general principles to be applied when determining ”.
- (4) In subsection (3)—
- (a) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”, and
 - (b) for “Council” (in both places) substitute “ Society ”.
- (5) In subsection (4) for “An order” to the end of paragraph (a) substitute— “ The principles prescribed by an order under this section may provide that solicitors should be remunerated— ”.
- (6) In subsection (5)—
- (a) for “An order” to “reference” substitute— “ The general principles prescribed by an order under this section may provide that the amount of such remuneration is to be determined by having regard ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (d) after “solicitor” insert “ , or any employee of his who is an authorised person, ”.
- (7) After that subsection insert—
- “(5A) In subsection (5) “authorised person” means a person who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 18 of that Act).”
- (8) In subsection (6)(a) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”.
- (9) In subsection (7)—
- (a) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (b) for “regulated by” substitute “ subject to ”.

Commencement Information

I143 Sch. 16 para. 54(1)(4)(b) in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 54(2)(a)(c)(3)(4)(a)(5)(6)(a)(9)(b) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 54(6)(b)(7) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#)); Sch. 16 para. 54(2)(b) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 54(8)(9)(a) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#)

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- 55 In section 57 (non-contentious business agreements)—
- (a) in subsection (2) for “stamps” substitute “ taxes ”,
 - (b) in subsection (5)—

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- (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
- (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
- (c) in subsection (7)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 56 In section 60 (effect of contentious business agreements)—
- (a) in subsection (1) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (c) for subsection (5) substitute—
 - “(5) A provision in a contentious business agreement that the solicitor shall not be liable for his negligence, or that of any employee of his, shall be void if the client is a natural person who, in entering that agreement, is acting for purposes which are outside his trade, business or profession.
 - (6) A provision in a contentious business agreement that the solicitor shall be relieved from any responsibility to which he would otherwise be subject as a solicitor shall be void.”

Commencement Information

I144 Sch. 16 para. 56(c) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 56(a)(b) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 57 In section 61 (enforcement of contentious business agreements)—
- (a) in subsection (2)(b) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (b) in subsection (3) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”,
 - (c) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (d) in subsection (4B)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (e) in subsection (5) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”.

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- 58 In section 62 (contentious business agreements by certain representatives)—

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- (a) in subsection (1) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
- (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 59 In section 63 (effect on contentious business agreement of death etc)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (ii) for “taxing officer” (in both places) substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (iii) after “solicitor” (in the third place) insert “ , or any of his employees, ”.

Commencement Information

I145 Sch. 16 para. 59(b)(iii) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 59(a)(b)(i)(ii) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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- 60 In section 64 (form of bill of costs for contentious business)—
- (a) in subsection (3) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (ii) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (iii) for “taxing officer” (in both places) substitute “ costs officer ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 61 In section 65 (security for costs and termination of retainer), in subsection (1) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 62 In section 66 (taxations with respect to contentious business)—
- (a) in the section heading for “Taxations” substitute “ Assessments ”,
 - (b) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (c) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”,

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- (d) in paragraph (a), after “solicitor” (in the second place) insert “ or an employee of the solicitor ”, and
- (e) in paragraph (b), after “him” insert “ or by any employee of his who is an authorised person (within the meaning of section 56(5A)) ”.

Commencement Information

I146 Sch. 16 para. 62(d)(e) in force at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to **art. 4**); Sch. 16 para. 62(a)-(c) in force at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(f)(ii)** (with **art. 9**)

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 63 In section 67 (inclusion of disbursements in bill of costs), in paragraph (b)—
- (a) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (b) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (c) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”.

64 (1) Section 69 (action to recover solicitor's costs) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”.

(3) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) The requirements referred to in subsection (1) are that the bill must be—

- (a) signed in accordance with subsection (2A), and
- (b) delivered in accordance with subsection (2C).

(2A) A bill is signed in accordance with this subsection if it is—

- (a) signed by the solicitor or on his behalf by an employee of the solicitor authorised by him to sign, or
- (b) enclosed in, or accompanied by, a letter which is signed as mentioned in paragraph (a) and refers to the bill.

(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2A) the signature may be an electronic signature.

(2C) A bill is delivered in accordance with this subsection if—

- (a) it is delivered to the party to be charged with the bill personally,
- (b) it is delivered to that party by being sent to him by post to, or left for him at, his place of business, dwelling-house or last known place of abode, or
- (c) it is delivered to that party—
 - (i) by means of an electronic communications network, or
 - (ii) by other means but in a form that nevertheless requires the use of apparatus by the recipient to render it intelligible,
 and that party has indicated to the person making the delivery his willingness to accept delivery of a bill sent in the form and manner used.

(2D) An indication to any person for the purposes of subsection (2C)(c)—

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- (a) must state the address to be used and must be accompanied by such other information as that person requires for the making of the delivery;
 - (b) may be modified or withdrawn at any time by a notice given to that person.
- (2E) Where a bill is proved to have been delivered in compliance with the requirements of subsections (2A) and (2C), it is not necessary in the first instance for the solicitor to prove the contents of the bill and it is to be presumed, until the contrary is shown, to be a bill bona fide complying with this Act.
- (2F) A bill which is delivered as mentioned in subsection (2C)(c) is to be treated as having been delivered on the first working day after the day on which it was sent (unless the contrary is proved).”
- (4) At the end insert—
- “(5) In this section references to an electronic signature are to be read in accordance with section 7(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c. 7).
- (6) In this section—
- “electronic communications network” has the same meaning as in the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21);
 - “working day” means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c. 80).”

Commencement Information

I147 Sch. 16 para. 64(1)(3)(4) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 64(2) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 65 In section 70 (taxation on application of party chargeable or solicitor)—
- (a) in the section heading for “Taxation” substitute “ Assessment ”,
 - (b) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (c) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “taxation” (in both places) substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (d) in subsections (3) to (5) for “taxation” (in each place) substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (e) in subsection (6)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”,
 - (f) in subsection (7)—

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- (i) for “taxation” (in each place) substitute “ assessment ”,
- (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
- (iii) for “tax” substitute “ assess ”,
- (g) in subsection (8) for “taxation” (in each place) substitute “ assessment ”,
- (h) in subsection (9)—
 - (i) for “for taxation” (in both places) substitute “ for assessment ”,
 - (ii) for “the taxation” (in both places) substitute “ the assessment ”,
 - (iii) for “a taxation” substitute “ an assessment ”, and
 - (iv) for “one fifth of the amount of the bill is taxed off” substitute “ the amount of the bill is reduced by one fifth ”,
- (i) in subsection (10)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxation” (in both places) substitute “ assessment ”,
- (j) omit subsection (11), and
- (k) in subsection (12)—
 - (i) for “of the bill taxed off” substitute “ of the reduction in the bill ”,
 - (ii) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (iii) for “taxed” (in the second place) substitute “ assessed ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 66 In section 71 (taxation on application of third parties)—
- (a) in the section heading for “Taxation” substitute “ Assessment ”,
 - (b) in subsection (1) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (c) in subsection (3) —
 - (i) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (d) in subsection (4) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (e) in subsection (6)—
 - (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (f) in subsection (7) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”.

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- 67 In section 72 (supplementary provisions as to taxations)—
- (a) in the section heading for “taxations” substitute “ assessments ”,
 - (b) in subsection (1) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 - (c) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” (in each place) substitute “ costs officer ”,
 - (ii) for second and fourth “taxing” substitute “ assessing ”, and
 - (iii) for “tax” substitute “ assess ”,
 - (d) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” (in both places) substitute “ costs officer ”,

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- (ii) for “tax” substitute “ assess ”, and
- (iii) for “taxing” (in second place) substitute “ assessing ”, and
- (e) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (ii) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 68 In section 73 (charging orders), in subsection (1)—
- (a) for “taxed” substitute “ assessed ”, and
 - (b) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”.

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 69 In section 74 (special provisions as to contentious business done in county courts)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “registrar” substitute “ district judge ”,
 - (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”, and
 - (iii) for “taxation” (in both places) substitute “ assessment ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (3) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 70 Omit the following provisions—
- section 76 (non-practising solicitors eligible for membership of Society),
 - section 77 (annual subscription to Society), and
 - section 78 (cessation and suspension of membership of Society).

- 71 For section 79 (committees and sub-committees of the Council) substitute—

“79 Discharge of the Council's functions

- (1) The Council may arrange for any function of the Council (including any function exercisable by the Council by virtue of section 80) to be exercised by—
 - (a) a committee of the Council,
 - (b) a sub-committee of such a committee,
 - (c) a body corporate which is established for the purpose of providing services to the Council (or any committee of the Council) and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Society, or
 - (d) an individual (whether or not a member of the Society's staff).
- (2) Where by virtue of subsection (1) any function may be discharged by a committee, the committee may arrange for the discharge of the function by—
 - (a) a sub-committee of that committee,

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- (b) a body corporate which is established for the purpose of providing services to the Council (or any committee of the Council) and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Society, or
 - (c) an individual (whether or not a member of the Society's staff).
- (3) Where, by virtue of subsection (1) or (2), any function may be discharged by a sub-committee, that sub-committee may arrange for the discharge of the function by an individual (whether or not a member of the Society's staff).
- (4) Arrangements made under this section in respect of a function may provide that the function is to be exercised in accordance with the arrangements only (and not by the delegating body).
- (5) In subsection (4) “the delegating body” means—
- (a) in the case of arrangements under subsection (1), the Council;
 - (b) in the case of arrangements under subsection (2), the committee;
 - (c) in the case of arrangements under subsection (3), the sub-committee.
- (6) Subsections (2) and (3) have effect subject to any contrary direction given by the Council.
- (7) Where arrangements under subsection (3) relate to a function delegated by a committee under subsection (2), subsection (3) also has effect subject to any contrary direction given by that committee.
- (8) Any power given by subsection (1), (2) or (3) may be exercised so as to impose restrictions or conditions on the body or individual by whom the function is to be discharged.
- (9) A committee or sub-committee may include or consist of individuals other than—
- (a) members of the Council;
 - (b) members of the Society;
 - (c) solicitors.
- (10) A sub-committee of a committee may also include or consist of individuals other than members of the committee.
- (11) The Council may make arrangements for the appointment and removal of members of any committee to be made other than by the Council.
- (12) A committee or sub-committee may regulate its own procedure, including quorum.
- (13) The validity of any proceedings of a committee or sub-committee is not affected by any vacancy among its members.
- (14) In this section “wholly-owned subsidiary” has the meaning given by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (15) This section is subject to any provision to the contrary made by or under any enactment.”

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- (a) in subsection (1) for “of any instrument made under it” substitute “ any other enactment (or of any instrument made under this Act or any other enactment) ”, and
- (b) omit subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I148 Sch. 16 para. 72(a) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 72(b) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#)

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

73 Omit sections 81 and 81A (administration of oaths and taking of affidavits).

Commencement Information

I149 Sch. 16 para. 73 wholly in force at 1.1.2010 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

74 Before section 87 (interpretation) insert—

Rules

“86A(1) Rules made by the Society under this Act may —

- (a) make provision generally or subject to exceptions or only in relation to specified cases;
- (b) make different provision for different cases or circumstances or for different purposes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), any rules prescribing a fee may provide for that fee to be reduced or waived in such circumstances as may be specified in the rules.”

75 In section 87(1) (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of “client account”, for “in” to the end substitute “ subject to rules under section 32(1)(a) ”,
- (b) after the definition of “sole solicitor” insert—
 - ““sole solicitor endorsement” has the same meaning as in section 1B;”, and
- (c) omit the following definitions—
 - “articles”
 - “controlled trust”
 - “duly certificated notary public”
 - “employee”
 - “indemnity conditions”
 - “replacement date”

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“training conditions”.

Commencement Information

I150 Sch. 16 para. 75(c) in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 75(a) in force and Sch. 16 para. 75(c) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 75(b)(c) in force for certain purposes at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 75(c) in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

76 In section 89 (consequential amendments etc.), omit subsection (7).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

77 (1) Schedule 1 (intervention in solicitor's practice) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1 (grounds for intervention)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) for “Council have” substitute “ Society has ”,
 - (ii) after “solicitor's practice” insert “ or former practice ”, and
 - (iii) after “trustee” insert “ or that employee is or was a trustee in his capacity as such an employee ”,
- (b) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(aa) the Society has reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of a solicitor (“S) in connection with—
 - (i) the business of any person of whom S is or was an employee, or of any body of which S is or was a manager, or
 - (ii) any business which is or was carried on by S as a sole trader;”
- (c) in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—
 - (i) for “Council consider” substitute “ Society considers ”, and
 - (ii) for “controlled trust” substitute “ trust ”,
- (d) in sub-paragraph (1)(c) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”,
- (e) in sub-paragraph (1)(ee)—
 - (i) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”, and
 - (ii) after “illness” insert “ , injury ”,
- (f) in sub-paragraph (1)(h)—
 - (i) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”, and
 - (ii) omit “sole”,
- (g) in sub-paragraph (1)(i) and (k) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”,
- (h) in sub-paragraph (1)(l)—
 - (i) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (iii) for “an officer” substitute “ a manager ”, and
 - (iii) in that sub-paragraph for “Council of the Law Society” substitute “ Society ”,

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- (i) after sub-paragraph (1)(l) insert—
 - “(m) the Society is satisfied that it is necessary to exercise the powers conferred by Part 2 of this Schedule (or any of them) in relation to a solicitor to protect—
 - (i) the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of the solicitor or his firm, or
 - (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which the solicitor is or was a trustee.”,
- (j) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - “(1A) In sub-paragraph (1) “manager” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act).”,
- (k) omit sub-paragraph (2).

(3) In paragraph 3 (intervention following an undue delay)—

- (a) for “10(3)” substitute “ 10(9) ”,
- (b) for paragraph (a) substitute—
 - “(a) the Society is satisfied that there has been undue delay—
 - (i) on the part of a solicitor in connection with any matter in which the solicitor or his firm is or was acting on behalf of a client or with any trust, or
 - (ii) on the part of an employee of a solicitor in connection with any trust of which the employee is or was a trustee in his capacity as such an employee; and”,
- (c) in paragraph (c) for “Council regard” substitute “ Society regards ”.

(4) In paragraph 4(2) (continuation of powers after death etc of solicitor)—

- (a) after “6(2) and (3)” insert “ , 6A ”,
- (b) for “and (5)” substitute “ , (5) and (6) ”, and
- (c) for “10(1)” substitute “ 10(2) and (7) ”.

(5) In paragraph 6 (vesting of sums in Society)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “Council pass” substitute “ Society passes ”,
 - (ii) for “Council's” substitute “ Society's ”, and
 - (iii) after “thereto” insert “ and to rules under paragraph 6B ”,
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “his practice” to the end substitute—
 - “(i) his practice or former practice,
 - (ii) any trust of which he is or formerly was a trustee, or
 - (iii) any trust of which a person who is or was an employee of the solicitor is or was a trustee in the person's capacity as such an employee;”, and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for “to which the complaint relates” substitute “ in connection with which the Society is satisfied there has been undue delay as mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of that paragraph ”.

(6) After paragraph 6 insert—

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“6A (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 5, if the Society passes a resolution to the effect that any rights to which this paragraph applies shall vest in the Society, those rights shall vest accordingly.

(2) This paragraph applies to any right to recover or receive debts due to the solicitor or his firm in connection with his practice or former practice.

(3) Any sums recovered by the Society by virtue of the exercise of rights vested under sub-paragraph (1) shall vest in the Society and shall be held by it on trust to exercise in relation to them the powers conferred by this Part of this Schedule and, subject to those powers and to rules under paragraph 6B, upon trust for the persons beneficially entitled to them.

(4) The Society shall serve on the solicitor or his firm, and any person who owes a debt to which the order applies, a certified copy of the Society's resolution.

6B (1) The Society may make rules governing its treatment of sums vested in it under paragraph 6 or 6A(3).

(2) The rules may in particular make provision in respect of cases where the Society, having taken such steps to do so as are reasonable in all the circumstances of the case, is unable to trace the person or persons beneficially entitled to any sum vested in the Society under paragraph 6 or 6A(3) (including provision which requires amounts to be paid into or out of compensation funds (within the meaning of section 36A)).”

(7) In paragraph 7(1) (holding of sums vested in Society)—

- (a) after “paragraph 6” insert “ or 6A(3) ”, and
- (b) after “thereto” insert “ and to rules under paragraph 6B ”.

(8) In paragraph 8 (information as to money held) for “holds money” to the end substitute—

- “(a) holds money on behalf of the solicitor or his firm, or
- (b) has information which is relevant to identifying any money held by or on behalf of the solicitor or his firm,

the court may require that person to give the Society information as to any such money and the accounts in which it is held. ”

(9) In paragraph 9 (documents)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) after “possession” insert “ or under the control ”, and
 - (ii) for “or with any controlled trust” substitute “ or former practice or with any trust of which the solicitor is or was a trustee ”,
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—
 - (i) after “possession” insert “ or under the control ”, and
 - (ii) for “to which the complaint relates” substitute “ of which the Society is satisfied ”,
- (c) in sub-paragraph (3) after “possession” insert “ or control ”,
- (d) in sub-paragraph (5) after “the possession” insert “ or under the control ”,
- (e) after sub-paragraph (5) insert—

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“(5A) In the case of a document which consists of information which is stored in electronic form, a requirement imposed by a notice under sub-paragraph (1) or an order under sub-paragraph (4) or (5), is a requirement to produce or deliver the information in a form in which it is legible or from which it can readily be produced in a legible form.”,

(f) in sub-paragraph (6) after “possession of” insert “ (a) ”,

(g) at the end of that sub-paragraph insert—

“(b) any property—

(i) in the possession of or under the control of the solicitor or his firm, or

(ii) in the case of an order under sub-paragraph (5), which was in the possession or under the control of such a person and has come into the possession or under the control of the person in respect of whom the order is made,

which the Society reasonably requires for the purpose of accessing information contained in such documents,

and to use property obtained under paragraph (b) for that purpose.”,

(h) in sub-paragraph (7) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”,

(i) in sub-paragraph (8) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”, and

(j) in sub-paragraph (10) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”.

(10) For paragraph 10 (mail) substitute—

“Mail and other forms of communication

10 (1) The High Court, on the application of the Society, may from time to time make a communications redirection order.

(2) A communications redirection order is an order that specified communications to the solicitor or his firm are to be directed, in accordance with the order, to the Society or any person appointed by the Society.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph—

(a) “specified communications” means communications of such description as are specified in the order;

(b) the descriptions of communications which may be so specified include—

(i) communications in the form of a postal packet;

(ii) electronic communications;

(iii) communications by telephone.

(4) A communications redirection order has effect for such time not exceeding 18 months as is specified in the order.

(5) Where a communications redirection order has effect, the Society or the person appointed by the Society may take possession or receipt of the communications redirected in accordance with the order.

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- (6) Where a communications redirection order is made, the Society must pay to—
- (a) in the case of an order relating to postal packets, the postal operator concerned, and
 - (b) in any other case, the person specified in the order,
- the like charges (if any) as would have been payable for the redirection of the communications to which the order relates if the addressee had permanently ceased to occupy or use the premises or other destination of the communications and had applied to the postal operator or the specified person (as the case may be) to redirect the communications to him as mentioned in the order.
- (7) The High Court may, on the application of the Society, authorise the Society, or a person appointed by it, to take such steps as may be specified in the order in relation to any website purporting to be or have been maintained by or on behalf of the solicitor or his firm if the High Court is satisfied that the taking of those steps is necessary to protect the public interest or the interests of clients (or potential or former clients) of the solicitor or his firm.
- (8) In this paragraph “postal operator” and “postal packet” have the meaning given by section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000.
- (9) This paragraph does not apply where the powers conferred by this Part of this Schedule are exercisable by virtue of paragraph 3.”
- (11) In paragraph 11(1) (trusts) for “controlled trust” substitute “ trust ”.
- (12) In paragraph 12 (liens) for “and documents” substitute “ , documents and other property ”.
- (13) After paragraph 13 (costs) insert—
- “13A(1) The High Court, on the application of the Society, may order a former partner of the solicitor to pay a specified proportion of the costs mentioned in paragraph 13.
- (2) The High Court may make an order under this paragraph only if it is satisfied that the conduct (or any part of the conduct) by reason of which the powers conferred by this Part were exercisable in relation to the solicitor was conduct carried on with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of, the former partner.
 - (3) In this paragraph “specified” means specified in the order made by the High Court.”

Commencement Information

I151 Sch. 16 para. 77 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

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VALID FROM 06/10/2010

78 Omit Schedule 1A (inadequate professional services).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

79 Omit Schedule 2 (the compensation fund).

Commencement Information

I152 Sch. 16 para. 79 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#))

PART 2 **E+W**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT 1985 (C. 61)

80 The Administration of Justice Act 1985 is amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

81 (1) Section 9 (incorporated practices) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) for “Council” (in both places) substitute “ Society ”,
- (b) in paragraph (a) for “by solicitors” to the end substitute “ of legal services bodies; ”,
- (c) in paragraph (b) for “any such services” substitute “ any solicitor services or other relevant legal services ”, and
- (d) in paragraph (c)—
 - (i) for “conditions” substitute “ requirements ”, and
 - (ii) omit “corporate”.

(3) After that subsection insert—

“(1A) Where the Society makes rules under subsection (1), it must by rules under subsection (1)(c) prescribe the requirement that (subject to any exceptions provided by the rules) recognised bodies must not provide services other than—

- (a) solicitor services, or
- (b) solicitor services and other relevant legal services.

(1B) “Relevant legal services” means—

- (a) solicitor services, and
- (b) where authorised persons other than solicitors or registered European lawyers are managers or employees of, or have an interest in, a recognised body, services of the kind provided by individuals practising as such authorised persons (whether or not

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those services involve the carrying on of reserved legal activities within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007).

(1C) The Society may by rules under this section provide that services specified, or of a description specified, in the rules are not to be treated as solicitor services or other relevant legal services.”

(4) In subsection (2)—

- (a) for “Council” (in both places) substitute “ Society ”,
- (b) in paragraph (a) for “are to be” to the end substitute “ , or for the renewal of such recognition, are to be made, and requiring such applications to be accompanied by a fee of such amount as the Society may from time to time determine; ”,
- (c) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(aa) for the manner and form in which other applications under the rules are to be made, and requiring such applications to be accompanied by a fee of such amount as the Society may from time to time determine;”,
- (d) for paragraphs (c) to (e) substitute—
 - “(c) about the time when any recognition, or renewal of recognition, takes effect and the period for which it is (subject to the provisions made by or under this Part) to remain in force;
 - (d) for the suspension or revocation of any such recognition, on such grounds and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules;
 - (e) about the effect on the recognition of a partnership or other unincorporated body (“the existing body”) of any change in the membership of the existing body, including provision for the existing body’s recognition to be transferred where the existing body ceases to exist and another body succeeds to the whole or substantially the whole of its business;
 - (ea) for the keeping by the Society of a register containing the names and places of business of all bodies which are for the time being recognised under this section, and such other information relating to those bodies as may be specified in the rules;
 - (eb) for information (or information of a specified description) on such a register to be made available to the public, including provision about the manner in which, and times at which, information is to be made so available;” , and
- (e) after paragraph (f) insert—
 - “(fa) about the education and training requirements to be met by managers and employees of recognised bodies;
 - (fb) for rules made under any provision of the 1974 Act to have effect in relation to managers and employees of recognised bodies with such additions, omissions or other modifications as appear to the Society to be necessary or expedient;

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(fc) requiring recognised bodies to appoint a person or persons to monitor compliance, by the recognised body, its managers and its employees, with requirements imposed on them by or by virtue of this Act or any rules applicable to them by virtue of this section.”.

(5) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) If rules under this section provide for the recognition of legal services bodies which have one or more managers who are not legally qualified, the rules must make provision—

- (a) for the recognition of such bodies to be suspended or revoked, on such grounds and in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the rules;
- (b) as to the criteria and procedure for the Society's approving, as suitable to be a manager of a recognised body, an individual who is not legally qualified (and for the Society's withdrawing such approval).

(2B) Rules under this section may make provision for appeals to the High Court against decisions made by the Society under the rules—

- (a) to suspend or revoke the recognition of any body;
- (b) not to approve, as suitable to be the manager of a recognised body, an individual who is not legally qualified (or to withdraw such approval).

(2C) The rules may provide for appeals against decisions within subsection (2B) (b) to be brought by the individual to whom the decision relates (as well as the body).

(2D) In relation to an appeal under rules made by virtue of subsection (2B), the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.

(2E) The decision of the High Court on such an appeal shall be final.

(2F) Where the Society decides to recognise a body under this section it must grant that recognition subject to one or more conditions if—

- (a) the case is of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this section by rules made by the Society, and
- (b) the Society considers that it is in the public interest to do so.

(2G) While a body is recognised under this section, the Society—

- (a) must direct that the body's recognition is to have effect subject to one or more conditions if—
 - (i) the case is of a prescribed kind, and
 - (ii) the Society considers that it is in the public interest to do so;
- (b) may, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, direct that the body's recognition is to have effect subject to such conditions as the Society may think fit.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made by the Society.

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(2H) The conditions which may be imposed under subsection (2F) or (2G) include—

- (a) conditions requiring the body to take specified steps that will, in the opinion of the Society, be conducive to the carrying on by the body of an efficient business;
- (b) conditions which prohibit the body from taking any specified steps except with the approval of the Society;
- (c) if rules under this section provide for the recognition of legal services bodies which have one or more managers who are not legally qualified, a condition that all the managers of the body must be legally qualified.

“Specified” means specified in the condition.

(2I) Rules made by the Society may make provision about when conditions imposed under this section take effect (including provision conferring power on the Society to direct that a condition is not to have effect until the conclusion of any appeal in relation to it).

(2J) Section 86A of the 1974 Act applies to rules under this section as it applies to rules under that Act.

(2K) Rules under this section may contain such incidental, supplemental, transitional or transitory provisions or savings as the Society considers necessary or expedient.”

(6) For subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) Despite section 24(2) of the 1974 Act, section 20 of that Act (prohibition on unqualified person acting as solicitor) does not apply to a recognised body; and nothing in section 24(1) of that Act applies in relation to such a body.”

(7) Omit subsection (4).

(8) In subsection (5) omit “corporate”.

(9) In subsection (7)—

- (a) for “Secretary of State” (in both places) substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”, and
- (b) for “the commencement of this section” substitute “ or in the same session as the Legal Services Act 2007 was passed ”.

(10) In subsection (8)—

- (a) after the definition of “the 1974 Act” insert—

““authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007);”,

- (b) for ““the Council” and “the Society” have” substitute “ “the Society” has ”,
- (c) after the definition of “the Society” insert—

““legally qualified” and “legal services body” have the meaning given by section 9A;

“manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);”,

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- (d) omit the definition of “officer”,
- (e) in the definition of “recognised body” omit “corporate”, and
- (f) after the definition of “registered European lawyer” insert—

““solicitor services” means professional services such as are provided by individuals practising as solicitors or lawyers of other jurisdictions;

and a person has an interest in a body if the person has an interest in the body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).”

- (11) Omit subsection (9).

Commencement Information

I153 Sch. 16 para. 81(1)(9) in force at 30.6.2008 by S.I. 2008/1436, art. 2(d)(ii); Sch. 16 para. 81 in force at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(b)(ii) (subject to art. 4)

82 After that section insert—

“9A Legal services bodies

- (1) For the purposes of section 9, a “legal services body” means a body (corporate or unincorporate) in respect of which —
 - (a) the management and control condition, and
 - (b) the relevant lawyer condition,
 are satisfied.
- (2) The management and control condition is satisfied if—
 - (a) at least 75% of the body's managers are legally qualified,
 - (b) the proportion of shares in the body held by persons who are legally qualified is at least 75%,
 - (c) the proportion of voting rights in the body which persons who are legally qualified are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, is at least 75%,
 - (d) all the persons with an interest in the body who are not legally qualified are managers of the body, and
 - (e) all the managers of the body who are not legally qualified are individuals approved by the Society as suitable to be managers of a recognised body.
- (3) The Society may by rules under section 9 provide that, in relation to specified kinds of bodies, subsection (2) applies as if the references to 75% were to such greater percentage as may be specified (and different percentages may be specified for different kinds of bodies).
- (4) The relevant lawyer condition is satisfied in relation to a body if at least one manager of the body is—
 - (a) a solicitor,

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- (b) a registered European lawyer, or
 - (c) a qualifying body.
- (5) For that purpose a qualifying body is a body in respect of which—
- (a) the management and control condition would be satisfied if the references in subsection (2) to persons who are legally qualified were to persons who are legally qualified by virtue of subsection (6) (a) to (c),
 - (b) the relevant lawyer condition is satisfied by virtue of subsection (4) (a) or (b), and
 - (c) the services condition is satisfied.
- (6) For the purposes of this section the following are legally qualified—
- (a) an authorised person who is an individual;
 - (b) a registered foreign lawyer (within the meaning of section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41));
 - (c) a person entitled to pursue professional activities under a professional title to which the Directive applies in a state to which the Directive applies (other than the title of barrister or solicitor in England and Wales);
 - (d) an authorised person which is a body in respect of which—
 - (i) the services condition is satisfied, and
 - (ii) the management and control condition would be satisfied if the references in subsection (2) to persons who are legally qualified were to persons who are legally qualified by virtue of paragraphs (a) to (c);
 - (e) a body which provides professional services such as are provided by individuals who are authorised persons or lawyers of other jurisdictions, and in respect of which the management and control condition would be satisfied if the references in subsection (2) to persons who are legally qualified were to persons who are legally qualified by virtue of paragraphs (a) to (c).
- (7) For the purposes of this section, the services condition is satisfied in relation to a body if the body provides only services which may be provided by a recognised body (having regard to rules under section 9(1A) and (1C)).
- (8) For the purposes of this section—
- “authorised person” has the same meaning as in section 9;
 - “the Directive” means Directive [98/5/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council, to facilitate practice of the profession of lawyer on a permanent basis in a Member State other than that in which the qualification was obtained;
 - “manager”, in relation to a body, has the meaning given by section 9;
 - “recognised body” has the same meaning as in section 9;
 - “registered European lawyer” has the same meaning as in section 9;
 - “shares” has the same meaning as for the purposes of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act);
 - “specified” means specified in rules made by the Society;

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and a person has an interest in a body if the person has an interest in the body for the purposes of section 9.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 83 (1) Section 10 (penalty for pretending to be a body recognised under section 9) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) omit “corporate” (in both places).
 - (3) In subsection (2) omit “corporate”.
 - (4) For subsection (3) substitute—
 - “(3) Where an offence under this section committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of an officer of the body corporate, that officer (as well as the body corporate) is guilty of the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
 - (4) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (3) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with the member's functions of management as it applies to an officer of the body corporate.
 - (5) Proceedings for an offence under this section alleged to have been committed by an unincorporated body are to be brought in the name of that body (and not in that of any of its members) and, for the purposes of any such proceedings, any rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if that body were a corporation.
 - (6) A fine imposed on an unincorporated body on its conviction of an offence under this section is to be paid out of the funds of that body.
 - (7) If an unincorporated body is charged with an offence under this section, section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 (c. 86) and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) (procedure on charge of an offence against a corporation) have effect in like manner as in the case of a corporation so charged.
 - (8) Where an offence under this section committed by an unincorporated body (other than a partnership) is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer of the body or any member of its governing body, that officer or member as well as the unincorporated body is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
 - (9) Where an offence under this section committed by a partnership is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a partner, that partner as well as the partnership is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
 - (10) In this section “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means—

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- (a) any director, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
- (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 84 (1) Section 43 (jurisdiction and powers of Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal in relation to complaints against solicitors) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2)(a) for “(7) to” substitute “ (9) to ”.
- (3) After subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) Nothing in section 157 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (approved regulators not to make provision for redress) prevents an order being made under subsection (3).”
- (4) For subsection (5) substitute—
- “(5) An appeal under section 49 of the Solicitors Act 1974 against an order of the Tribunal under subsection (3) lies only at the instance of the solicitor with respect to whom the legal aid complaint was made.”

Commencement Information

I154 Sch. 16 para. 84(1)(2)(4) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 85 In the title of Schedule 2, for “Incorporated practices” substitute “ Legal services practices ”.

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 86 In paragraph 1 of that Schedule (interpretation)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit “corporate”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2) omit—
 - (i) paragraph (b) and the “or” immediately preceding it,
 - (ii) “corporate”, and
 - (iii) “or application”,
 - (c) after that sub-paragraph insert—

“(2A) References in this Schedule to a manager or employee of a recognised body, in relation to a complaint (other than such a complaint as is mentioned in paragraph 16(1A)(a)), include references to a person who was such a manager or employee at the time when the conduct to which the complaint relates took place.”,
 - (d) omit sub-paragraph (3),

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- (e) in sub-paragraph (4) omit from “; and for those purposes” to the end,
- (f) in sub-paragraph (5) for “sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)” substitute “ sub-paragraphs (4) and (6) ”, and
- (g) for sub-paragraph (6) substitute—

“(6) In this Schedule—

“manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);

“registered European lawyer” has the same meaning as in section 9A;

“the 1974 Act” means the Solicitors Act 1974.”

Commencement Information

I155 Sch. 16 para. 86(g) in force for certain purposes at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(ii\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 86 in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

87 For paragraph 2 of that Schedule (appeal against refusal of Council to grant recognition) substitute—

“Appeal against refusal of Society to grant recognition etc

- 2 (1) A body may appeal to the High Court against—
- (a) a decision to refuse an application by the body for recognition under section 9;
 - (b) a decision to impose a condition under subsection (2F) of that section on the body's recognition under that section;
 - (c) a decision to impose a condition under subsection (2G) of that section on the body's recognition under that section.
- (2) A recognised body whose recognition is subject to a condition within section 9(2H)(b) may appeal to the High Court against any decision by the Society to refuse to approve the taking of any step for the purposes of that condition.
- (3) Rules made by the Society may make provision, as respects any application for recognition that is neither granted nor refused by the Society within such period as may be specified in the rules, for enabling an appeal to be brought under this paragraph in relation to the application as if it had been refused by the Society.
- (4) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to grant the body recognition under section 9 free from conditions or subject to such conditions as the High Court may think fit,

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- (c) direct the Society not to recognise the body,
 - (d) if the Society has recognised the body, by order suspend the recognition, or
 - (e) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (5) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (1)(c), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct that the body's recognition under section 9 is to have effect subject to such conditions as the High Court may think fit,
 - (c) by order revoke the direction given by the Society under section 9(2G), or
 - (d) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (6) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (2), the High Court may—
- (a) affirm the decision of the Society,
 - (b) direct the Society to approve the taking of one or more steps for the purposes of a condition within section 9(2H)(b), or
 - (c) make such other order as the High Court thinks fit.
- (7) In relation to an appeal under this paragraph, the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (8) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under this paragraph is final.”

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- 88 For paragraph 3 of that Schedule (accounts rules) substitute—
- “3 (1) This paragraph applies where rules made under section 32(1) of the 1974 Act are applied—
- (a) to recognised bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(f) of this Act, or
 - (b) to managers or employees of such bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(fb) of this Act.
- (2) The Society may disclose a report on or information about the accounts of a recognised body, or a manager or employee of a recognised body, obtained in pursuance of such rules for use—
- (a) in investigating the possible commission of an offence by the body or any of its managers or employees, and
 - (b) in connection with any prosecution of the body or any of its managers or employees consequent on the investigation.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 89 In paragraph 4 of that Schedule (interest on clients' money)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “section 33(1)(a)” substitute “ section 33(1) ”, and

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(ii) for the words from “and subject to” to the end substitute “, a recognised body is not liable to account to any client, other person or trust for interest received by the recognised body on money held at a bank or building society in an account which is for money received or held for, or on account of—

(a) clients of the recognised body, other persons or trusts, generally, or

(b) that client, person or trust separately.”, and

(b) omit sub-paragraph (2).

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90 After that paragraph insert—

“4ZA Where rules made under section 32 of the 1974 Act and containing any such provision as is referred to in section 33(1) of that Act are applied to managers or employees of recognised bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(fb), then, except as provided by the rules, a manager or employee to whom the rules are applied is not liable to account to any client, other person or trust for interest received by the manager or employee on money held at a bank or building society in an account which is for money received or held for, or on account of—

(a) clients of the recognised body, other persons or trusts, generally, or

(b) that client, person or trust, separately.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

91 For paragraph 4A of that Schedule (inspection of bank accounts) substitute—

“4A (1) This paragraph applies where rules made under section 33A(1) of the 1974 Act are applied—

(a) to recognised bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(f) of this Act, or

(b) to managers or employees of such bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(fb) of this Act.

(2) The Society may disclose information about the accounts of a recognised body, or a manager or employee of a recognised body, obtained in pursuance of such rules for use—

(a) in investigating the possible commission of an offence by the body or any of its managers or employees, and

(b) in connection with any prosecution of the body or any of its managers or employees consequent on the investigation.”

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92 For paragraph 5 of that Schedule (accountants' reports) substitute—

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“5 Where rules made under section 34 of the 1974 Act are applied to recognised bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(f), section 34(9) and (10) of that Act apply in relation to a recognised body as they apply in relation to a solicitor.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

93 After that paragraph insert—

“5A Where rules made under section 34 of the 1974 Act are applied to managers or employees of recognised bodies in accordance with section 9(2)(fb), section 34(9) and (10) of that Act apply in relation to a manager or employee to which the rules are applied as they apply in relation to a solicitor.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

94 For paragraph 6 of that Schedule (compensation fund) substitute—

“6 (1) Section 36 of the 1974 Act applies in relation to recognised bodies as if for paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) there were substituted—

“(a) an act or omission of a recognised body or former recognised body;

(b) an act or omission of a manager or employee, or former manager or employee, of a recognised body or former recognised body;”.

(2) Section 36A(2) and (3) of the 1974 Act applies in relation to recognised bodies as it applies in relation to solicitors.”

Commencement Information

I156 Sch. 16 para. 94 wholly in force at 31.3.2009, see s. 211 and [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#))

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

95 In paragraph 7 of that Schedule (solicitor who is justice of the peace not to act in certain proceedings) for “an officer” (in both places) substitute “a manager”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

96 In paragraph 9 of that Schedule (restriction on employment of person struck off roll or suspended)—

- (a) the existing provision becomes sub-paragraph (1) and in that sub-paragraph after “recognised body” insert “ (and any manager or employee of it) ”, and
- (b) after that sub-paragraph insert—

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- “(2) No recognised body (or manager or employee of such a body) may, except in accordance with a written permission granted by the Society under this paragraph, permit a person to whom sub-paragraph (3) applies to—
- (a) be a manager of the body, or
 - (b) have an interest in the body;
- and for this purpose a person has an interest in the body if he has an interest in the body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to a person who to the knowledge of the recognised body (or, as the case may be, the manager or employee) is a person—
- (a) who is disqualified from practising as a solicitor by reason of one of the facts mentioned in section 41(1) (a), (b) or (c) of the 1974 Act (name struck off the roll, suspension etc), or
 - (b) in respect of whom there is a direction in force under section 47(2)(g) of that Act (prohibition on restoration to roll).
- (4) Permission granted for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) may be granted for such period and subject to such conditions as the Society thinks fit.
- (5) A person aggrieved by the refusal of the Society to grant permission under sub-paragraph (4), or by any conditions attached by the Society to the grant of any such permission may appeal to the High Court which may—
- (a) confirm the refusal or the conditions, as the case may be, or
 - (b) grant a permission under this paragraph for such period and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.
- (6) In relation to an appeal under sub-paragraph (5) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (7) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under sub-paragraph (5) is final.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 97 In paragraph 10 of that Schedule (failure to disclose striking off or suspension)—
- (a) the existing paragraph becomes sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph,
 - (b) in that sub-paragraph after “recognised body” insert “ (or any manager or employee of such a body) ”, and
 - (c) after that sub-paragraph insert—
- “(2) It is an offence for a person (“P”) to whom sub-paragraph (3) applies—

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- (a) to seek or accept from any person an interest in a recognised body, without previously informing that person (and, if different, the recognised body) that P is a person to whom that sub-paragraph applies, or
 - (b) to seek or accept a position as a manager of a recognised body, without previously informing that body that P is such a person.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to a person—
- (a) who is disqualified from practising as a solicitor by reason of one of the facts mentioned in section 41(1) (a), (b) or (c) of the 1974 Act (name struck off the roll, suspension etc), or
 - (b) in respect of whom there is a direction in force under section 47(2)(g) of that Act (prohibition on restoration to roll).
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) Subsection (2) of section 42 of the 1974 Act applies in relation to an offence under sub-paragraph (2) as it applies in relation to an offence under that section.
- (6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a) a person seeks or accepts an interest in a recognised body if the person seeks or accepts an interest which if it were obtained by the person would result in the person having an interest in that body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

98 Omit paragraph 11 of that Schedule (control of employment of persons convicted of offences of dishonesty and certain other persons).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

99 Omit paragraph 12 of that Schedule (offences in connection with orders under section 43(2) of the 1974 Act).

VALID FROM 06/10/2010

100 Omit paragraph 13 of that Schedule (redress for inadequate professional services).

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VALID FROM 31/03/2009

101 For paragraph 14 of that Schedule (examination of files) substitute—

“Information about suitability for recognition

- 14 (1) The Society may give a notice under this paragraph if it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purpose of investigating whether—
- (a) a recognised body continues to be suitable to be recognised under section 9, or
 - (b) a manager of a recognised body who is not legally qualified (within the meaning of section 9A) continues to be suitable to be a manager of a recognised body.
- (2) A notice under this paragraph is a notice which requires a person within sub-paragraph (3)—
- (a) to provide information, or information of a description, specified in the notice, or
 - (b) to produce documents, or documents of a description, specified in the notice.
- (3) The persons are—
- (a) the recognised body;
 - (b) an employee or manager of the recognised body;
 - (c) a person who has an interest in the recognised body (within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act)).
- (4) For the purposes of this paragraph, section 44B(4) to (7) of the 1974 Act applies—
- (a) in relation to a notice under this paragraph as if it were a notice under section 44B of that Act, and
 - (b) in relation to a person given a notice under this paragraph as if that person were a person given a notice under that section, and references in subsections (6) and (7) of that section to powers conferred by that section are to be read as references to powers conferred by this paragraph.
- (5) Where powers conferred by Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act are exercisable in relation to a person within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of sub-paragraph (3), they continue to be so exercisable after the person has ceased to be a person within the paragraph in question.
- (6) Section 44BA of the 1974 Act (power to require explanation of document or information) applies in relation to a notice under this paragraph and the person to whom such a notice is given as it applies in relation to a notice under section 44B of the 1974 Act and the person to whom such a notice is given.
- (7) Subsection (1) of section 44BC of that Act (falsification of documents etc) applies in relation to an investigation of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) as it applies in relation to the investigations

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mentioned in that subsection, and subsections (2), (4) and (5) of that section apply accordingly.

- (8) Subsection (3) of that section (provision of false information etc) applies in relation to a requirement imposed under this paragraph as it applies in relation to a requirement imposed by section 44B of that Act, and subsections (4) and (5) of that section apply accordingly.”

Commencement Information

I157 Sch. 16 para. 101 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(ii)** (subject to **art. 4**)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

102 For paragraph 14A of that Schedule (payment of costs of investigations) substitute—

“Power to charge for costs of investigation

- 14A (1) The Society may make regulations prescribing charges to be paid to the Society by recognised bodies who are the subject of a discipline investigation.
- (2) A discipline investigation is an investigation carried out by the Society into a failure or apprehended failure by a recognised body to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules applicable to it by virtue of section 9.
- (3) Regulations under this paragraph may—
- (a) make different provision for different cases or purposes;
 - (b) provide for the whole or part of a charge payable under the regulations to be repaid in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (4) Any charge which a recognised body is required to pay under regulations under this paragraph is recoverable by the Society as a debt due to the Society from the recognised body.
- (5) This paragraph applies in relation to a manager or employee of a recognised body as it applies in relation to a recognised body.”

Commencement Information

I158 Sch. 16 para. 102 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(ii)** (subject to **art. 4**)

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103 After that paragraph insert—

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“Disciplinary powers of the Society

- 14B (1) This paragraph applies where the Society is satisfied that a recognised body, or a manager or employee of a recognised body, has failed to comply with a requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules applicable to that person by virtue of section 9 of this Act.
- (2) The Society may do one or both of the following—
- (a) give the person a written rebuke;
 - (b) direct the person to pay a penalty not exceeding £2,000.
- (3) The Society may publish details of any action it has taken under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b), if it considers it to be in the public interest to do so.
- (4) Where the Society takes action against a person under sub-paragraph (2)(b), or decides to publish under sub-paragraph (3) details of such action under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b), it must notify the person in writing that it has done so.
- (5) A penalty imposed under sub-paragraph (2)(b) does not become payable until—
- (a) the end of the period during which an appeal against the decision to impose the penalty, or the amount of the penalty, may be made under paragraph 14C, or
 - (b) if such an appeal is made, such time as it is determined or withdrawn.
- (6) The Society may not publish under sub-paragraph (3) details of any action under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b)—
- (a) during the period within which an appeal against—
 - (i) the decision to take the action,
 - (ii) in the case of action under sub-paragraph (2)(b), the amount of the penalty, or
 - (iii) the decision to publish the details,may be made under paragraph 14C, or
 - (b) if such an appeal has been made, until such time as it is determined or withdrawn.
- (7) The Society must make rules—
- (a) prescribing the circumstances in which the Society may decide to take action under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b);
 - (b) about the practice and procedure to be followed by the Society in relation to such action;
 - (c) governing the publication under sub-paragraph (3) of details of action taken under sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b);
- and the Society may make such other rules in connection with the exercise of its powers under this paragraph as it considers appropriate.
- (8) Before making rules under sub-paragraph (7), the Society must consult the Tribunal.

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- (9) A penalty under this paragraph may be recovered as a debt due to the Society, and is to be forfeited to Her Majesty.
 - (10) The Lord Chancellor may, by order, amend paragraph (b) of sub-paragraph (2) so as to substitute for the amount for the time being specified in that paragraph such other amount as may be specified in the order.
 - (11) Before making an order under sub-paragraph (10), the Lord Chancellor must consult the Society.
 - (12) An order under sub-paragraph (10) is to be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
 - (13) This paragraph is without prejudice to any power conferred on the Society, or any other person, to make an application or complaint to the Tribunal.
- 14C (1) A person may appeal against—
- (a) a decision by the Society to rebuke that person under paragraph 14B(2)(a) if a decision is also made to publish details of the rebuke;
 - (b) a decision by the Society to impose a penalty on that person under paragraph 14B(2)(b) or the amount of that penalty;
 - (c) a decision by the Society to publish under paragraph 14B(3) details of any action taken against that person under paragraph 14B(2)(a) or (b).
- (2) Subsections (9)(b), (10)(a) and (b), (11) and (12) of section 46 of the 1974 Act (Tribunal rules about procedure for hearings etc) apply in relation to appeals under this paragraph as they apply in relation to applications or complaints, except that subsection (11) of that section is to be read as if for “the applicant” to “application)” there were substituted “ any party to the appeal ”.
 - (3) Rules under section 46(9)(b) of the 1974 Act may, in particular, make provision about the period during which an appeal under this paragraph may be made.
 - (4) On an appeal under this paragraph, the Tribunal has power to make an order which—
 - (a) affirms the decision of the Society;
 - (b) revokes the decision of the Society;
 - (c) in the case of a penalty imposed under paragraph 14B(2)(b), varies the amount of the penalty;
 - (d) in the case of a recognised body, contains provision for any of the matters mentioned in paragraph 18(2);
 - (e) in the case of a manager or employee of a recognised body, contains provision for any of the matters mentioned in paragraph 18A(2);
 - (f) makes such provision as the Tribunal thinks fit as to payment of costs.

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- (5) Where, by virtue of sub-paragraph (4)(e), an order contains provision for any of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(c) of paragraph 18A, sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) of that paragraph apply as if the order had been made under sub-paragraph (2)(c) of that paragraph.
- (6) An appeal from the Tribunal shall lie to the High Court, at the instance of the Society or the person in respect of whom the order of the Tribunal was made.
- (7) The High Court shall have power to make such order on an appeal under this paragraph as it may think fit.
- (8) Any decision of the High Court on an appeal under this section shall be final.
- (9) This paragraph is without prejudice to any power conferred on the Tribunal in connection with an application or complaint made to it.”

Commencement Information

I159 Sch. 16 para. 103 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(b)(ii) (subject to art. 4)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 104 In paragraph 16 of that Schedule (complaints to Tribunal with respect to recognised bodies)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), in paragraph (a) omit “in the United Kingdom”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph for “section 34 of the 1974 Act” substitute “any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act”,
 - (c) for paragraph (c) of that sub-paragraph substitute—
 - “(c) a complaint that the body has acted in contravention of section 41 of the 1974 Act or paragraph 9(2) of this Schedule or of any conditions subject to which a permission has been granted under section 41 of that Act or that paragraph of this Schedule; or”, and
 - (d) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(1A) The Tribunal shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any of the following complaints made to it under this paragraph with respect to a manager or employee of a recognised body (“the relevant person”)—
 - (a) a complaint that the relevant person has been convicted by any court of a criminal offence which renders that person unsuitable to be a manager or employee (or both) of a recognised body;
 - (b) a complaint that the relevant person has failed to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules applicable to the relevant person by virtue of section 9 of this Act;

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- (c) a complaint that the relevant person has acted in contravention of section 41 of the 1974 Act or paragraph 9(2) of this Schedule or of any conditions subject to which a permission has been granted under that section or for the purposes of paragraph 9(2) of this Schedule;
- (d) a complaint that the relevant person has knowingly acted in contravention of an order under section 43(2) of the 1974 Act or of any conditions subject to which a permission has been granted under such an order.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 105 In paragraph 17 of that Schedule (procedure on applications and complaints)—
- (a) for “(7)” substitute “ (9) ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) omit “11(1), 15(2) or”,
 - (ii) omit “13(3) or”, and
 - (iii) after “16(1)” insert “ or (1A) ”, and
 - (c) in paragraph (c) after “body” insert “ or, in the case of such a complaint as is mentioned in paragraph 16(1A), to a manager or employee of such a body ”.

Commencement Information

I160 Sch. 16 para. 105(a)(b)(i)(iii)(c) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 106 In paragraph 18 of that Schedule (powers of Tribunal with respect to recognised bodies)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) after “this Schedule” insert “ (other than paragraph 16(1A) ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph for “section 34 of the 1974 Act” substitute “ any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act ”,
 - (c) omit paragraph (d) of that sub-paragraph and the “or” immediately preceding it,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (2) omit “not exceeding £3,000”, and
 - (e) omit sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).

Commencement Information

I161 Sch. 16 para. 106(a)(b)(d) in force and Sch. 16 para. 106(e) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

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107

After that paragraph insert—

“18A(1) Where, on the hearing of any complaint made to it under paragraph 16(1A) of this Schedule, the Tribunal is satisfied that a manager or employee of a recognised body—

- (a) has been convicted as mentioned in paragraph (a) of paragraph 16(1A),
- (b) has failed to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules applicable to the relevant person by virtue of section 9 of this Act, or
- (c) has acted as mentioned in paragraph (c) or (d) of paragraph 16(1A),

the Tribunal may, if it thinks fit, make one or more of the orders referred to in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) Those orders are—

- (a) an order directing the payment by the relevant person of a penalty to be forfeited to Her Majesty;
- (b) an order requiring the Society to consider taking such steps as the Tribunal may specify in relation to the relevant person;
- (c) if the person is not a solicitor, an order which states one or more of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (3);
- (d) an order requiring the Society to refer to an appropriate regulator any matter relating to the conduct of the relevant person.

(3) The matters referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(c) are—

- (a) that as from the specified date—
 - (i) no solicitor or employee of a solicitor shall employ or remunerate, in connection with the practice carried on by that solicitor, the person with respect to whom the order is made, and
 - (ii) no recognised body, or manager or employee of such a body, shall employ or remunerate that person, in connection with the business of the recognised body, except in accordance with a Society permission;
- (b) that as from the specified date no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall, except in accordance with a Society permission, permit the person with respect to whom the order is made to be a manager of the body;
- (c) that as from the specified date no recognised body or manager or employee of such a body shall, except in accordance with a Society permission, permit the person with respect to whom the order is made to have an interest in the body.

(4) For this purpose a person has an interest in a body if the person has an interest in the body within the meaning of Part 5 the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).

(5) Subsections (1) to (1C), (3) and (4) of section 44 of the 1974 Act (offences in connection with orders under section 43(2) of that Act) apply in relation

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to an order under sub-paragraph (2)(c) as they apply in relation to an order under section 43(2) of that Act, except that references in those subsections to provision within section 43(2)(a), (b) or (c) of that Act are to be read as references to provision within sub-paragraph (3)(a), (b) or (c).

- (6) Section 44(2) of the 1974 Act, paragraph 16(1)(d) and (1A)(d) of this Schedule and paragraph 15(3A) of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 apply in relation to an order under sub-paragraph (2)(c) as they apply in relation to an order under section 43(2) of the 1974 Act.
- (7) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(d) an “appropriate regulator” in relation to the relevant person means—
- (a) if the person is an authorised person in relation to a reserved legal activity for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, any relevant approved regulator (within the meaning of that Act) in relation to that person, and
 - (b) if the person carries on activities which are not reserved legal activities, any body which regulates the carrying on of such activities by the person.”

Commencement Information

I162 Sch. 16 para. 107 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(b)(ii) (subject to art. 4)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 108 In paragraph 20 of that Schedule (powers of Tribunal in respect of legal aid complaints), in sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) for “an officer” substitute “ a manager ”,
 - (b) for “director” substitute “ manager ”, and
 - (c) for “legal aid work” substitute “ providing representation funded by the Legal Services Commission as part of the Criminal Defence Service ”,
- and omit sub-paragraph (2).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 109 In paragraph 21 of that Schedule (revocation of recognition by reason of default by director)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), in paragraph (a) for “director” substitute “ manager ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph for “director” (in both places) substitute “ manager ”,
 - (c) in paragraph (c) of that sub-paragraph for “director” (in both places) substitute “ manager ”,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (3) for “director” (in both places) substitute “ manager ”, and
 - (e) after that sub-paragraph insert—

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“(4) The reference in paragraph (c) of sub-paragraph (1) to a person employed by a recognised body includes a reference to a person who was so employed at the time of the conduct leading to the making of the order referred to in that paragraph.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 110 In paragraph 23 (orders as to remuneration for non-contentious business)—
- (a) the existing provision becomes sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph,
 - (b) in that sub-paragraph for “regulating (in accordance with paragraph 22)” substitute “prescribing (by virtue of paragraph 22) general principles to be applied when determining”,
 - (c) in that sub-paragraph for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) in paragraph (d), the reference to the solicitor or any employee of the solicitor who is an authorised person were a reference to any manager or employee of the recognised body who is an authorised person.”, and
 - (d) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(2) In this paragraph “authorised person” means a person who is an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 18 of that Act).”

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 111 For paragraph 24 of that Schedule (effect of contentious business agreements) substitute—
- “24 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a contentious business agreement made between a recognised body and a client.
- (2) A provision in the agreement that the body shall not be liable for the negligence of any of its managers or employees shall be void if the client is a natural person who, in entering that agreement, is acting for purposes which are outside his trade, business or profession.
 - (3) A provision in the agreement that the body shall be relieved from any responsibility to which it would otherwise be subject in the course of carrying on its business as a recognised body shall be void.
 - (4) A provision in the agreement that any manager of the body shall be relieved from any responsibility to which the manager would otherwise be subject in the course of the carrying on by the body of its business as a recognised body shall be void.”

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 112 In paragraph 25 of that Schedule (effect of supervening incapacity on contentious business agreements)—

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- (a) for sub-paragraph (1)(b) substitute—
 “(b) a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to the body;”,
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)—
 (i) for “taxation” (in each place) substitute “ assessment ”, and
 (ii) for “taxing officer” (in each place) substitute “ costs officer ”,
- (c) in sub-paragraph (3) for “any officer” substitute “ any manager ”, and
- (d) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 “(4) For the purposes of this paragraph a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to a recognised body if—
 (a) a resolution for a voluntary winding-up of the body is passed without a declaration of solvency under section 89 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
 (b) the body enters administration within the meaning of paragraph 1(2)(b) of Schedule B1 to that Act;
 (c) an administrative receiver within the meaning of section 251 of that Act is appointed;
 (d) a meeting of creditors is held in relation to the body under section 95 of that Act (creditors' meeting which has the effect of converting a members' voluntary winding up into a creditors' voluntary winding up);
 (e) an order for the winding up of the body is made.”

Commencement Information

I163 Sch. 16 para. 112(a)(c)(d) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(ii\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 112(b) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 113 In paragraph 26 of that Schedule (taxations with respect to contentious business)
 —
- (a) in the paragraph heading for “Taxations” substitute “ Assessments ”,
 (b) the existing paragraph becomes sub-paragraph (1) and in that sub-paragraph —
 (i) for “taxation” substitute “ assessment ”,
 (ii) for “taxing officer” substitute “ costs officer ”,
 (iii) after “the body” (in the second place) insert “ or any manager or employee of the body ”, and
 (iv) for “any solicitor, being an officer” substitute “ any authorised person, being a manager ”, and
 (c) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 “(2) In this paragraph “authorised person” means an authorised person, in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity, within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007.”

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I164 Sch. 16 para. 113(b)(iii) in force at 30.6.2008 by S.I. 2008/1436, **art. 2(d)(ii)** (as amended by S.I. 2008/1591, **art. 2(2)**); Sch. 16 para. 113(b)(iv)(c) in force at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(ii)**; Sch. 16 para. 113(a)(b)(i)(ii) in force at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(f)(ii)** (with **art. 9**)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

114 In paragraph 28 (power of court to order recognised body to pay over clients' money) after “client” (in the third place) insert “ or any manager or employee of such a body ”.

115 For paragraph 29 of that Schedule (actions to recover costs) substitute—

“29 (1) Subsection (2A) of section 69 of the 1974 Act shall have effect in relation to a bill of costs delivered by a recognised body as if for paragraphs (a) and (b) there were substituted—

“(a) signed on behalf of the recognised body by any manager or employee of the body authorised by it to do so, or

(b) enclosed in, or accompanied by, a letter which is so signed and refers to the bill.”

(2) Subsection (2E) of that section shall have effect in relation to such a bill as if for “the solicitor” there were substituted “ the recognised body ”.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

116 In paragraph 30 (power of Society to inspect files relating to certain proceedings), for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) for the appointment of an administrative receiver within the meaning of section 251 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

117 In paragraph 31 of that Schedule (bank accounts)—

(a) omit “or (2)”, and

(b) after “bank” insert “ or building society ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

118 After that paragraph insert—

“31A Where rules made under section 32(1) of the 1974 Act are applied to managers or employees in accordance with section 9(2)(fb) of this Act, section 85 of the 1974 Act shall apply in relation to a manager or employee to whom the rules are applied who keeps an account with a bank or building society in pursuance of any such rules as it applies in

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relation to a solicitor who keeps such an account in pursuance of rules under section 32.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 119 (1) Paragraph 32 of that Schedule (intervention by Society) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a)—
- (a) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”,
 - (b) after “recognised body” insert “ or a manager of such a body ”, and
 - (c) for “it” substitute “ the body or manager ”.
- (3) For sub-paragraph (1)(c) substitute—
- “(c) a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to a recognised body; or”.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (1)(d)—
- (a) for “Council have” substitute “ Society has ”,
 - (b) for “officer” substitute “ manager ”, and
 - (c) for “that body's” to the end substitute—
 - (i) that body's business,
 - (ii) any trust of which that body is or was a trustee,
 - (iii) any trust of which the manager or employee is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee, or
 - (iv) the business of another body in which the manager or employee is or was a manager or employee or the practice (or former practice) of the manager or employee; or”.
- (5) After sub-paragraph (1)(d) insert—
- “(e) the Society is satisfied that it is necessary to exercise the powers conferred by Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act (or any of them) in relation to a recognised body to protect—
- (i) the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of the recognised body,
 - (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which the recognised body is or was a trustee, or
 - (iii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which a person who is or was a manager or employee of the recognised body is or was a trustee in that person's capacity as such a manager or employee;”.
- (6) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—
- “(1A) For the purposes of this paragraph a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to a recognised body if—
- (a) a resolution for a voluntary winding-up of the body is passed without a declaration of solvency under section 89 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

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- (b) the body enters administration within the meaning of paragraph 1(2)(b) of Schedule B1 to that Act;
- (c) an administrative receiver within the meaning of section 251 of that Act is appointed;
- (d) a meeting of creditors is held in relation to the body under section 95 of that Act (creditors' meeting which has the effect of converting a members' voluntary winding up into a creditors' voluntary winding up);
- (e) an order for the winding up of the body is made.”

(7) Omit sub-paragraph (2).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 120 For paragraph 33 of that Schedule (further grounds for intervention)—
- (a) for paragraph (a) substitute—
 - “(a) the Society is satisfied that there has been undue delay—
 - (i) on the part of a recognised body in connection with any matter in which it is or was acting on behalf of a client or with any trust of which it is or was a trustee, or
 - (ii) on the part of a person who is or was a manager or employee of a recognised body in connection with any trust of which the manager or employee is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee;”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (c) for “Council regard” substitute “ Society regards ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 121 In paragraph 34 of that Schedule (powers of intervention on revocation of recognition etc), in sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) omit “corporate” (in both places), and
 - (b) in paragraph (a), after “revoked” insert “ in accordance with rules under that section or ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 122 In paragraph 35 of that Schedule (provision relating to the application of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Solicitors Act 1974)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) omit “corporate”, and
 - (b) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (b) and after paragraph (c) insert—
 - “(d) paragraph 6(2)(a) of that Schedule is to be construed as including a reference to sums of money held by or on behalf of the recognised body in connection with any trust of which a person who is or was a manager of the

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	<p>recognised body is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager;</p> <p>(e) paragraph 9 of that Schedule is to be construed—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) as if sub-paragraph (1) included a reference to documents in the possession or under the control of the recognised body in connection with any trust of which a person who is or was a manager or employee of the recognised body is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) as applying to such a manager or employee and documents and property in his possession or under his control in connection with such a trust as it applies to a solicitor and documents and property in the possession or under the control of the solicitor;</p> <p>(f) paragraph 11(1) of that Schedule is to be construed as including a power for the Society to apply to the High Court for an order for the appointment of a new trustee to a trust in substitution for a person who is a trustee, in his capacity as a manager or employee of the recognised body; and</p> <p>(g) paragraph 13A of that Schedule is to be read as if the references to a former partner were references—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) in the case of a recognised body which is a partnership, to a former partner in the partnership, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) in any other case to a manager or former manager of the recognised body.”</p>
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123	<p>In paragraph 36 of that Schedule (privilege from disclosure etc)—</p> <p>(a) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(1) Where a recognised body acts as such for a client, any communication, document, material or information is privileged from disclosure in like manner as if the recognised body had at all material times been a solicitor acting for the client.”,</p> <p>(b) in sub-paragraph (3) for “an officer” substitute “ a manager ”, and</p> <p>(c) after that sub-paragraph insert—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(4) This paragraph does not apply to a recognised body which holds a licence under Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (alternative business structures).”</p>
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PART 3 **E+W**

THE COURTS AND LEGAL SERVICES ACT 1990 (C. 41)

124 The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 is amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

VALID FROM 30/06/2008

- 125 In section 89 (foreign lawyers: recognised bodies and partnerships with solicitors)—
- (a) for subsection (3)(a)(iv) substitute—
“(iv) sections 36 and 36A (compensation grants); and”,
 - (b) in subsection (4), for paragraphs (a) to (d) substitute “ to make different provision with respect to registered foreign lawyers to the provision made with respect to solicitors. ”,
 - (c) in subsection (5) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”,
 - (d) in paragraph (a) of that subsection for “the commencement of this section” substitute “ or in the same Session as the Legal Services Act 2007 was passed ”,
 - (e) in subsection (6) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”,
 - (f) in subsection (7) for “Secretary of State” (in both places) substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”,
 - (g) in paragraph (a) of that subsection for “the commencement of this section” substitute “ or in the same Session as the Legal Services Act 2007 was passed ”,
 - (h) in that subsection for “officers” substitute “ managers ”,
 - (i) after subsection (8) insert—
“(8A) Rules and regulations made by the Law Society under, or by virtue of, this section or Schedule 14 which are not regulatory arrangements within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007 are to be treated as such arrangements for the purposes of that Act.”, and
 - (j) in subsection (9), after the definition of “foreign lawyer” insert—
““manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);”.

Commencement Information

1165 Sch. 16 para. 125(c)(d)(e)(f)(g) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436, art. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2008/1591, art. 2\(2\)](#)); Sch. 16 para. 125 in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503, art. 2\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (subject to art. 4)

126 Schedule 14 to that Act (foreign lawyers: partnerships and recognised bodies) is amended as follows.

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VALID FROM 31/03/2009

127 In paragraph 1 (interpretation) omit the definitions of “the Council” and “controlled trust”.

- 128 In paragraph 2 (application for registration)—
- (a) for “Council” in each place substitute “ Society ”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “the Master of the Rolls” substitute “ the Legal Services Board ”,
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “Law Society” substitute “ Society ”, and
 - (ii) for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute “ for members of that profession to be managers of recognised bodies. ”,
 - (d) omit sub-paragraph (3),
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (i) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”, and
 - (ii) in paragraph (a) after “including” insert “ the form of the register and ”,
 - (f) in that sub-paragraph, after paragraph (b) insert “and
 - (c) the making available to the public of the information contained in the register (including the manner in which, and hours during which, the information is to be made so available and whether the information is to be made available free of charge).”, and
 - (g) omit sub-paragraph (5).

Commencement Information

I166 Sch. 16 para. 128(a)(c)(i) in force at 7.3.2008 by [S.I. 2008/222](#), [art. 2\(j\)\(iii\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 128(c)(ii) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(iii\)](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2008/1591](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)); Sch. 16 para. 128(d)(e)(ii)(f)(g) in force at 1.7.2009 by [S.I. 2009/1365](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 16 para. 128(b)(e)(i) in force at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 9)

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 129 After paragraph 2 insert—
- “2A (1) The Society may direct that a foreign lawyer's registration is to have effect subject to such conditions as the Society thinks fit to impose.
 - (2) A direction under sub-paragraph (1) may be given in respect of a foreign lawyer
 - (a) at the time he is first registered, or
 - (b) at any time when the registration has effect.”

- 130 In paragraph 3 (duration of registration) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)(c) for “Council” substitute “ Society ”.

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- 131 In paragraph 5 (intervention in practices)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) and (b)—
 - (i) for “Council have” substitute “ Society has ”, and
 - (ii) omit “by virtue of his being a member of that partnership”,
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (3)(b) insert—
 - “(ba) the Society has reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of the registered foreign lawyer (“L”) in connection with—
 - (i) the business of any person of whom L is or was an employee, or of any body of which L is or was a manager, or
 - (ii) any business which is or was carried on by L as a sole trader;”,
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(c) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”,
 - (d) after sub-paragraph (3)(e) insert—
 - “(ea) the Society is satisfied that he has abandoned his practice;”,
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (3)(i)—
 - (i) for “Council are” substitute “ Society is ”, and
 - (ii) for “an officer” (in both places) substitute “ a manager ”,
 - (f) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(j) the Society is satisfied that it is necessary to exercise the intervention powers (or any of them) in relation to the registered foreign lawyer to protect—
 - (i) the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of the registered foreign lawyer or the multi-national partnership, or
 - (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which the registered foreign lawyer is or was a trustee.”,
 - (g) omit sub-paragraph (4),
 - (h) in sub-paragraph (5)(a) for “a complaint is made to the Society” substitute “ the Society is satisfied ”,
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (5)(a)(ii) for “controlled trust” substitute “ trust ”,
 - (j) in sub-paragraph (5)(c) for “Council regard” substitute “ Society regards ”, and
 - (k) after sub-paragraph (9) insert—
 - “(10) In this paragraph “manager”, in relation to a recognised body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act).”

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- 132 For paragraph 6 (compensation fund) substitute—

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- “6 Section 36 of the 1974 Act applies in relation to registered foreign lawyers as if for paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) there were substituted—
- “(a) an act or omission of a registered foreign lawyer or former registered foreign lawyer;
- (b) an act or omission of an employee or former employee of a registered foreign lawyer or former registered foreign lawyer;”.”

Commencement Information

I167 Sch. 16 para. 132 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(iii)** (subject to **art. 5**)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 133 For paragraph 7 (contributions to fund) substitute—
- “7 Section 36A(2) and (3) of the 1974 Act applies in relation to registered foreign lawyers as it applies in relation to solicitors.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 134 For paragraph 8 (accountants' reports) substitute —
- “8 Section 34 of the Act of 1974 applies in relation to registered foreign lawyers as it applies in relation to solicitors.”

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 135 In paragraph 14 (appeal against conditions or refusals)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
- (i) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ High Court ”, and
- (ii) for “2(3)” substitute “ 2A ”,
- (b) omit sub-paragraph (2),
- (c) in sub-paragraph (3)—
- (i) omit “to him”,
- (ii) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ High Court ”, and
- (iii) for “he” substitute “ it ”, and
- (d) after that sub-paragraph insert—
- “(4) In relation to an appeal under this paragraph the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.
- (5) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under this paragraph shall be final.”

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Commencement Information

I168 Sch. 16 para. 135 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/1365, **art. 2(b)(ii)** (subject to **art. 4**)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 136 In paragraph 15 (jurisdiction and powers of disciplinary tribunal)—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
 - “(3A) Any person who alleges that a registered foreign lawyer has knowingly acted in contravention of any order under section 43(2) of the Act of 1974 or of any conditions subject to which a permission has been granted under such an order may make a complaint to the Tribunal.”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (4)(c), omit “not exceeding £5,000”, and
 - (c) omit sub-paragraph (5).

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

- 137 In paragraph 16(2) (foreign lawyers assisting Tribunal) for “Master of the Rolls” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”.

VALID FROM 01/07/2009

- 138 In paragraph 17 (appeals from Tribunal)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “lie—” to the end substitute “ lie to the High Court ”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) omit “and the Master of the Rolls”, and
 - (ii) for “they” substitute “ it ”,
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3) for “of the Master of the Rolls on an appeal under this paragraph” substitute “ of the High Court on an appeal in the case of an order on an application under paragraph 15(2)(d) or (e), or the refusal of any such application, ”, and
 - (d) omit sub-paragraph (4).

Commencement Information

I169 Sch. 16 para. 138 wholly in force at 1.7.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/1365, **art. 2(b)(ii)** (subject to **art. 4**)

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SCHEDULE 17 **E+W**

Section 182

LICENSED CONVEYANCING

PART 1 **E+W**

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT 1985 (C. 61)

- 1 Part 2 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (licensed conveyancing) is amended in accordance with this Part.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 2 In section 11 (provision of conveyancing services by licensed conveyancers)—
- (a) in subsection (1) for “by persons” to the end substitute “ and other services by persons who hold licences in force under this Part or who are recognised bodies. ”,
 - (b) for subsection (3) substitute—
 - “(3) References in this Part to conveyancing services are references to—
 - (a) the preparation of transfers, conveyances, contracts and other documents in connection with, and other services ancillary to, the disposition or acquisition of estates or interests in land, and
 - (b) any other activities which are reserved instrument activities for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 12 of and Schedule 2 to that Act).
- (3A) For the purposes of subsection (3)—
- (a) “disposition”
 - (i) does not include a testamentary disposition or any disposition in the case of such a lease as is referred to in section 54(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 (short leases), but
 - (ii) subject to that, includes in the case of leases both their grant and their assignment, and
 - (b) “acquisition” has a corresponding meaning.”, and
 - (c) omit subsection (4).

Commencement Information

I170 Sch. 17 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 17 para. 2 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 17 para. 2(a) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 17 para. 2 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(iii\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

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VALID FROM 01/01/2010

3 In section 12 (establishment of the Council), omit subsection (2).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

4 (1) Section 15 (issue of licences by Council) is amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (3)(b), for “21” substitute “ 42 ”.
(3) In subsection (4), for “the period of” to the end substitute “ such period, beginning with the date of issue of the licence, as may be specified in the licence. ”
(4) Omit subsections (7) and (8).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

5 (1) Section 16 (conditional licences) is amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (1)—
(a) after paragraph (c) insert—
“ (ca) after the Investigating Committee established under section 24 has made any order in his case under section 24A;”, and
(b) after paragraph (e) insert—
“ (ea) when, having been required by rules made under section 22 to deliver to the Council a report by an accountant, he has not delivered such a report within the period required by the rules;
(eb) after having been disqualified under section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (disqualification from being manager or employee of a licensed body etc);
(ec) after his holding of a restricted interest in a licensed body has been approved subject to conditions under paragraph 17, 28 or 33 of Schedule 13 to that Act (ownership of licensed bodies) or objected to under paragraph 19, 31 or 36 of that Schedule;”.
(3) In subsection (4)—
(a) after “paragraph” insert “ (ca), ”, and
(b) after “(e),” insert “ (ea), (eb), (ec), ”.
(4) In subsection (5) for “or” at the end of paragraph (a) substitute—
“ (aa) pending the hearing and determination of any appeal brought by the applicant under paragraph 18, 20, 29, 32, 34 or 37 of Schedule 13 to the Legal Services Act 2007;
(ab) pending the review by a licensing authority, in accordance with its licensing rules, of a determination that the applicant should be disqualified under section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007; or”.
(5) After that subsection insert—

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“(6) In this section—

“licensed body”, “licensing authority” and “licensing rules” have the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 71, 73 and 83 of that Act);

“restricted interest”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in Schedule 13 to that Act (ownership of licensed bodies).”

Commencement Information

1171 Sch. 17 para. 5(1)(2)(a)(3)(a) in force and Sch. 17 para. 5(2)(b)(3)(b) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

6 After section 16 insert—

“16A Additional fee payable by certain persons when applying for licences

- (1) This section applies where a person applies for a licence at a time when section 16 has effect in relation to him by reason of the circumstances mentioned in section 16(1)(ea).
- (2) The application must be accompanied by an additional fee of an amount prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this section.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

7 (1) Section 17 (imposition of conditions during currency of licence) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2)(a)—

- (a) after “paragraph” insert “ (ca), ”, and
- (b) after “(e),” insert “ (ea), (eb), (ec), ”.

(3) In subsection (4), for “or” at the end of paragraph (a) substitute—

- “(aa) pending the hearing and determination of any appeal brought by the licensed conveyancer under paragraph 18, 20, 29, 32, 34 or 37 of Schedule 13 to the Legal Services Act 2007;
- (ab) pending the review by a licensing authority, in accordance with its licensing rules, of a determination that the licensed conveyancer should be disqualified under section 99 of the Legal Services Act 2007; or”.

(4) After subsection (5) insert—

“(6) In this section “licensing authority” and “licensing rules” have the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 73 and 83 of that Act).”

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Commencement Information

I172 Sch. 17 para. 7(1)(2)(a) in force and Sch. 17 para. 7(2)(b) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(c)(i)**

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

8 After section 17 insert—

“17A Variation of conditions

- (1) This section applies where a licensed conveyancer's licence has effect subject to conditions.
- (2) On an application made by the licensed conveyancer, the Council may in prescribed circumstances direct—
 - (a) the removal of a condition;
 - (b) the variation of a condition in the manner described in the application.
- (3) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made by the Council.
- (4) Section 14 (applications for licences) applies in relation to an application under this section as it applies in relation to applications for a licence under this Part.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

9 In section 18 (suspension or termination of licences), after subsection (2) insert—

- “(2A) Where the power conferred by paragraph 6(1) or 9(1) of Schedule 5 has been exercised in relation to a licensed conveyancer by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(a)(i), (aa), (c) or (e) of that Schedule, the exercise of that power shall operate immediately to suspend any licence held by that person under this Part.
- (2B) Subsection (2A) does not apply if, at the time when the power referred to there is exercised, the Council directs that subsection (2A) is not to apply in relation to the licensed conveyancer concerned.
- (2C) If, at the time when the power referred to in subsection (2A) is exercised, the Council gives a direction to that effect, the licensed conveyancer concerned may continue to act in relation to any matter specified in the direction as if the licence had not been suspended by virtue of subsection (2A), but subject to such conditions (if any) as the Council sees fit to impose.
- (2D) Subject to subsection (2E), where a licence is suspended by virtue of subsection (2A) the suspension of the licence shall continue until the licence expires.

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- (2E) The licensed conveyancer may, at any time before the licence expires, apply to the Council to terminate the suspension.
- (2F) On an application under subsection (2E), the Council may in its discretion—
- (a) by order terminate the suspension either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Council may think fit, or
 - (b) refuse the application.
- (2G) If on an application by a licensed conveyancer under subsection (2E) the Council refuses the application or terminates the suspension subject to conditions, the licensed conveyancer may appeal against the decision of the Council to the High Court which may—
- (a) affirm the decision, or
 - (b) terminate the suspension either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as it may think fit.
- (2H) In relation to an appeal under subsection (2G) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit as to payment of costs.”

VALID FROM 01/01/2010

10 In section 20 (rules as to professional practice, conduct and discipline), in subsection (1) omit “, in pursuance of its general duty referred to in section 12(2),”.

- 11 In section 22 (keeping of accounts and establishment of client accounts)—
- (a) in subsection (3)(a) omit “qualified”, and
 - (b) for subsections (4) and (5) substitute—
 - “(4) Provision made in rules by virtue of subsection (3)(a) may provide that the reports delivered to the Council must be reports given by accountants in respect of whom requirements prescribed by the rules are met.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 12 (1) Section 24 (preliminary investigation of disciplinary cases) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) for “preliminary investigation” substitute “ consideration ”,
 - (b) omit paragraph (b), and
 - (c) omit from “with a view” to the end.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) The Investigating Committee shall make a preliminary investigation of such an allegation and—
- (a) hear and determine the allegation, or

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- (b) refer the allegation to the Discipline and Appeals Committee established under section 25 for hearing and determination by that Committee under section 26.”
- (4) Omit subsection (2).
- (5) In subsection (3) omit—
 - (a) “or (2)”,
 - (b) “or complaint” (in both places), and
 - (c) “or paragraph (b)”.
- (6) After subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) The Council shall make rules as to the cases in which the Investigating Committee may hear and determine an allegation, and the cases in which they must refer an allegation to the Discipline and Appeals Committee.”
- (7) In subsection (5) omit “or complaint” (in both places).
- (8) After that subsection insert—

“(6) Before making a direction under subsection (5), the Investigating Committee must give the licensed conveyancer an opportunity to make representations against the making of the proposed direction.

(7) In relation to proceedings under subsection (6), the Investigating Committee may make such order as they think fit as to the payment of costs by—

 - (a) the Council, or
 - (b) the licensed conveyancer.

(8) Where a direction under subsection (5) has been made, the licensed conveyancer may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Committee may make such order as they think fit.

(9) Where an order has been made under subsection (7) the Council or the licensed conveyancer may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Committee may make such order as they think fit.

(10) Where an order is made by the Discipline and Appeals Committee under subsections (8) or (9)—

 - (a) the person against whom the order is made, and
 - (b) if not within paragraph (a), the Council,

may appeal against the order to the High Court.

(11) On an appeal under subsection (10) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.

(12) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (10) shall be final.”

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13 After section 24 insert—

“24A Determination of allegations by Investigating Committee

- (1) Where, on hearing an allegation by virtue of section 24(1A)(a), the Investigating Committee are satisfied that a licensed conveyancer—
 - (a) has, while holding a licence in force under this Part, failed to comply with any condition to which that licence was subject, or
 - (b) has failed to comply with any rules made by the Council under this Part,
 the Committee may, if they think fit, make an order directing the payment by the licensed conveyancer of a penalty to be forfeited to Her Majesty.
- (2) In relation to proceedings before the Investigating Committee by virtue of section 24(1A)(a), the Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council,
 - (b) the licensed conveyancer against whom the proceedings were brought, or
 - (c) if the person on whose allegation the proceedings were brought was heard (in person, or through a representative) by the Committee in the course of the proceedings, that person.
- (3) In subsection (2), for the purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection, the reference to costs includes costs incurred in connection with a preliminary investigation of the allegation under section 24(1A).
- (4) The amount of any penalty required to be paid under subsection (1) may not exceed such amount as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this subsection.
- (5) Paragraphs 1, 2(1) and (3) and 4 of Schedule 4 have effect in relation to—
 - (a) proceedings for the hearing and determination of an allegation by the Investigating Committee, as they have effect in relation to proceedings before the Discipline and Appeals Committee under section 26, and
 - (b) orders of the Investigating Committee, as they have effect in relation to orders of the Discipline and Appeals Committee.
- (6) A person against whom an order is made by the Investigating Committee by virtue of subsection (1) may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they think fit.
- (7) Where an order is made by the Investigating Committee by virtue of subsection (2), a person listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that subsection may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they think fit.

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- (8) Where an order is made by the Discipline and Appeals Committee under subsection (6) or (7)—
- (a) a party to the appeal, or
 - (b) if not within paragraph (a), the Council,
- may appeal against the order to the High Court.
- (9) On an appeal under subsection (8) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.
- (10) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under subsection (8) shall be final.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 14 In section 25 (the Discipline and Appeals Committee), in subsection (1)(b) for “sections 27 to” substitute “ section 24A, 27, 28 or ”.

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- 15 (1) Section 26 (proceedings in disciplinary cases) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) after “allegation” insert “ referred to them under section 24(1A) (b) ”.
- (3) In subsection (2)—
- (a) in paragraph (e), for “£3,000” substitute “ such amount as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this paragraph ”
 - (b) for paragraph (f) substitute—
“(f) an order reprimanding the licensed conveyancer.”, and
 - (c) omit paragraph (g).
- (4) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) In relation to proceedings before the Discipline and Appeals Committee under this section, the Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
- (a) the Council;
 - (b) the licensed conveyancer against whom the proceedings were brought;
 - (c) if the person on whose allegation the proceedings were brought was heard (in person, or through a representative) by the Committee in the course of the proceedings, that person.
- (2B) In subsection (2A), for the purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection, the reference to costs includes costs incurred in connection with a preliminary investigation of the allegation under section 24(1A).”
- (5) Omit subsections (5) and (6).
- (6) After subsection (7) insert—

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“(7A) Where the Discipline and Appeals Committee make an order under subsection (2A), a person listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that subsection may appeal to the High Court, and on any such appeal the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.”

(7) In subsection (8), after “(7)” insert “ or (7A) ”.

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16 In section 27 (removal of disqualification from holding a licence), after subsection (2) insert—

“(3) In relation to proceedings on an application under subsection (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the applicant.”

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17 In section 28 (revocation of licence on grounds of fraud or error), after subsection (4) insert—

“(5) In relation to proceedings for the revocation of a licence under subsection (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the licensed conveyancer to whose licence the proceedings relate.

(6) In relation to proceedings on an application under subsection (2), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the applicant.”

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18 In section 29 (appeals from decisions of Council in relation to licences)—

- (a) in subsection (1), omit “or” at the end of paragraph (b),
- (b) in that subsection, at the end of paragraph (c) insert “or
 - (d) refuses an application made by that person under section 17A,” and
- (c) in subsection (2), after paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(ba) in the case of an appeal under subsection (1)(d), by order direct the Council to grant the application,”.

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- 19 (1) Section 31 (application of Schedule 5) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) omit—
- (a) “or complaint” (in each place), and
 - (b) “or paragraph (b)”.
- (3) In subsection (3), for “and 12” substitute “ to 12A ”.
- (4) In subsection (4) omit “or complaint”.

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- 20 (1) Section 32 (provision of conveyancing services by recognised bodies) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a) for “by licensed” (in the first place) to the end substitute “ of conveyancing services bodies; ”.
- (3) In subsection (1)(b) for “such services” substitute “ conveyancing services or other relevant legal services ”.
- (4) After subsection (1)(b) insert—
- “(ba) prescribing the Council's arrangements for authorising recognised bodies, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, to carry on reserved instrument activities, or the administration of oaths, within the meaning of that Act;”.
- (5) In subsection (1)(c) for “conditions” substitute “ requirements ”.
- (6) In subsection (2) omit “corporate”.
- (7) In subsection (3)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) after “section” insert “ , or for the renewal of such recognition, ”,
 - (b) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(aa) for the payment of fees in connection with other applications under the rules;”,
 - (c) for paragraph (c) substitute—
 - “(c) about the time when any recognition granted under this section, or renewal of such recognition, takes effect and the period for which it is (subject to the provisions of this Part) to remain in force;
 - (ca) for the suspension or revocation of any such recognition, on such grounds and in such circumstances as may be prescribed in the rules;
 - (cb) about the effect on the recognition of a partnership or other unincorporated body (“the existing body”) of any change in its membership, including provision for the existing body's recognition to be transferred where the existing

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body ceases to exist and another body succeeds to the whole or substantially the whole of its business;”,

- (d) omit paragraph (d),
- (e) in paragraph (e)—
 - (i) for “a list” substitute “ a register ”,
 - (ii) omit “corporate”, and
 - (iii) for “, and for the” to the end substitute “ and such other information relating to those bodies as may be specified in the rules; ”,
- (f) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(ea) for information (or information of a specified description) on such a register to be made available to the public, and about the manner in which and times at which, information is to be made so available;”,
- (g) after paragraph (f) insert—
 - “(fa) about the education and training requirements to be met by managers and employees of recognised bodies;
 - (fb) for rules made under any other provision of this Part to have effect in relation to managers and employees of recognised bodies with such additions, omissions or other modifications as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient;”, and
- (h) in paragraph (g) after “recognised bodies” insert “ or managers or employees of such bodies ”.

(8) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Rules made by the Council may provide for the Council to grant a body recognition under this section subject to one or more conditions.

(3B) At any time while a body is recognised under this section, the Council may, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, direct that the body's recognition is to have effect subject to such conditions as the Council may think fit.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made by the Council.

(3C) The conditions which may be imposed under subsection (3A) or (3B) include—

- (a) conditions restricting the kinds of conveyancing services that may be provided by the body;
- (b) conditions imposed by reference to criteria of general application;
- (c) conditions requiring the body to take any specified steps that will, in the opinion of the Council, be conducive to the body carrying on an efficient business;

and conditions may be imposed despite the fact that they may result in expenditure being incurred by the body.

(3D) On an application made by a recognised body, the Council may, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, direct—

- (a) the removal of a condition subject to which the body's recognition has effect;

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- (b) the variation of such a condition in the manner described in the application.
- (3E) For the purposes of subsection (3D)—
 - (a) section 14 applies in relation to an application under that subsection as it applies in relation to an application for a licence under this Part of this Act, and
 - (b) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made by the Council.
- (3F) Rules under subsection (3A) or (3B) may make provision about when conditions imposed take effect (including provision conferring power on the Council to direct that a condition is not to have effect until the conclusion of any appeal in relation to it).
- (3G) Rules under this section may contain such incidental, supplemental, transitional or transitory provisions or savings as the Council considers necessary or expedient.”
- (9) Omit subsections (4) and (5).
- (10) In subsection (6)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a) omit “corporate”, and
 - (b) for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) that a body's recognition under this section does not have effect subject to any conditions or has effect subject to any particular conditions.”.
- (11) After subsection (7) insert—
 - “(8) In this section “conveyancing services body” and “relevant legal services” have the meaning given by section 32A.
 - (9) The Council is capable of being designated as a licensing authority for the purposes of, and subject to, Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (alternative business structures).”

Commencement Information

I173 Sch. 17 para. 20 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(c)(i) (subject to art. 4)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 21 After section 32 (provision of conveyancing by recognised bodies) insert—
- “32A Conveyancing services bodies**
- (1) For the purposes of section 32 a “conveyancing services body” means a body (corporate or unincorporate) in respect of which—
 - (a) the management and control condition, and
 - (b) the services condition,are satisfied.

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- (2) The management and control condition is satisfied in the case of a partnership if at least one of the partners is a licensed conveyancer.
- (3) The management and control condition is satisfied in the case of an unincorporated body (other than a partnership), or a body corporate which is managed by its members, if at least one of those members is a licensed conveyancer.
- (4) The management and control condition is satisfied in the case of any other body corporate if at least one director of the body is a licensed conveyancer.
- (5) The services condition is satisfied in respect of a body if the body is carrying on a business consisting of the provision of—
 - (a) conveyancing services, or
 - (b) conveyancing services and other relevant legal services.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—

“authorised person” means an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007);

“relevant legal services”, in relation to a body, means—

 - (a) conveyancing services, and
 - (b) where authorised persons are managers or employees of, or have an interest in, the body, services such as are provided by individuals practising as such authorised persons (whether or not those services involve the carrying on of reserved legal activities within the meaning of the Legal Services Act 2007);

and a person has an interest in a body if the person has an interest in the body within the meaning of Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (see sections 72 and 109 of that Act).”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

22

For section 33 (legal professional privilege), substitute—

“33 Legal professional privilege

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where a licensed conveyancer or recognised body acts as such for a client.
- (2) Any communication, document, material or information is privileged from disclosure in like manner as if the licensed conveyancer or body had at all material times been acting as the client's solicitor.
- (3) This section does not apply to a recognised body which holds a licence under Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (alternative business structures).”

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23 After that section insert—

“33A Administration of oaths by licensed conveyancers

The Council may make rules prescribing its arrangements for authorising licensed conveyancers, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, to carry on activities which consist of the administration of oaths.”

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

24 In section 34 (modification of existing enactments relating to conveyancing etc), omit subsection (2)(c) to (e).

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

25 In section 35 (penalty for pretending to be a licensed conveyancer or recognised body), in subsection (2) omit “corporate”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

26 In section 36 (offences by bodies corporate)—

(a) the existing section becomes subsection (1) of that section and in that subsection for “director” to “capacity” substitute “ officer of the body corporate ”, and

(b) after that subsection insert—

“(2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with the member's functions of management as it applies to an officer of the body corporate.

(3) Proceedings for an offence under this section alleged to have been committed by an unincorporated body are to be brought in the name of that body (and not in that of any of its members) and, for the purposes of any such proceedings, any rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if that body were a corporation.

(4) A fine imposed on an unincorporated body on its conviction of an offence under this section is to be paid out of the funds of that body.

(5) If an unincorporated body is charged with an offence under this section, section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (procedure on charge of an offence against a corporation) have effect in like manner as in the case of a corporation so charged.

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- (6) Where an offence under this section committed by an unincorporated body (other than a partnership) is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer of the body or any member of its governing body, that officer or member as well as the unincorporated body is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (7) Where an offence under this section committed by a partnership is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a partner, that partner as well as the partnership is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (8) In this section “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means—
- (a) any director, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
 - (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity.”

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- 27 In section 38 (rules)—
- (a) omit subsection (1), and
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “such rules” substitute “rules made by the Council under this Part”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 28 In section 39(1) (interpretation of Part 2)—
- (a) in the definition of “client”, in paragraph (a) omit “or his firm”,
 - (b) omit the definitions of “director” and “officer”,
 - (c) at the appropriate place insert—

““manager”, in relation to a body, has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 207 of that Act);”, and
 - (d) in the definition of “recognised body” omit “corporate”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 29 (1) Schedule 3 (Council for Licensed Conveyancers: supplementary provisions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 2(1), for “elected or nominated” substitute “appointed”.
 - (3) In paragraph 2(2), for “elect” substitute “appoint”.

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- (4) Omit paragraph 2(3).
- (5) Omit paragraph 3.
- (6) In paragraph 4(1)—
 - (a) for “election or nomination” (in both places) substitute “ appointment ”,
 - (b) for “election of” substitute “ appointment of ”, and
 - (c) for “elected or nominated” substitute “ appointed ”.
- (7) In paragraph 4(2), for “elected or nominated” (in each place) substitute “ appointed ”.
- (8) In paragraph 4(3), for the words from “Secretary of State” (in the first place) to the end substitute “ Legal Services Board. ”
- (9) In paragraph 4(4)—
 - (a) for “Secretary of State” (in both places) substitute “ Legal Services Board ”,
 - (b) for “him” substitute “ it ”, and
 - (c) for “he” (in both places) substitute “ it ”.
- (10) In paragraph 9, for “election or nomination” substitute “ appointment ”.
- (11) In paragraph 10 for “Secretary of State” (in both places) substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”.
- (12) In paragraph 11(3) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”.

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 30 (1) Schedule 4 (the Discipline and Appeals Committee: supplementary provisions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1 (rules of procedure)—
 - (a) omit sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (5), for “paragraphs 2 and 3” substitute “ paragraph 2 ”.
 - (3) Omit paragraph 3.

Commencement Information

I174 Sch. 17 para. 30 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 17 para. 30 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 17 para. 30(1)(2)(b)(3) in force at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#); Sch. 17 para. 30 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by [S.I. 2009/3250](#), [art. 2\(f\)\(iii\)](#) (with art. 9)

VALID FROM 31/03/2009

- 31 (1) Schedule 5 (intervention in licensed conveyancer's practice) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1 (grounds for intervention)—

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- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) after “practice” insert “ or former practice or in connection with any trust of which that licensed conveyancer is or was a trustee ”,
 - (b) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(aa) the Council has reason to suspect dishonesty on the part of a licensed conveyancer (“L”) in connection with—
 - (i) the business of any person of whom L is or was an employee, or of any body of which L is or was a manager, or
 - (ii) any business which is or was carried on by L as a sole trader;”
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) after “practice” insert “ or in connection with any trust ”,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (1)(c), after “section” insert “ 20, 21(3)(c), ”,
 - (e) after sub-paragraph (1)(e) insert—
 - “(ea) the Council is satisfied that a licensed conveyancer has abandoned his practice;
 - (eb) the Council is satisfied that a licensed conveyancer has been practising in breach of any conditions subject to which his licence has effect;”
 - (f) in sub-paragraph (1)(f), after “illness” insert “ , injury ”,
 - (g) for sub-paragraph (1)(g) substitute—
 - “(g) a licensed conveyancer lacks capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to act as a licensed conveyancer and powers under section 15 to 20 or section 48 of that Act are exercisable in relation to the licensed conveyancer;”
 - (h) after sub-paragraph (1)(h) insert—
 - “(i) the Council is satisfied that it is necessary to exercise the powers conferred by Part 2 of this Schedule (or any of them) in relation to a licensed conveyancer to protect—
 - (i) the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of the licensed conveyancer or his firm, or
 - (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which the licensed conveyancer is or was a trustee.” and
 - (i) omit sub-paragraph (2).
- (3) In paragraph 3 (intervention following an undue delay)—
- (a) for “10(3)” substitute “ 10(9) ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (a) for “a complaint is made to the Council” substitute “ the Council is satisfied ”,
 - (c) in that paragraph for “was instructed” substitute “ is or was acting ”, and
 - (d) in that paragraph after “client” insert “ or in connection with any trust ”.
- (4) In paragraph 4(2) (continuation of powers after death etc of licensed conveyancer)
- (a) after “and (3)” insert “ , 6A ”,
 - (b) for “and (5)” substitute “ , (5) and (6) ”, and

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(c) for “10(1)” substitute “ 10(2) and (7) ”.

(5) In paragraph 6 (vesting of sums in Council)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) after “thereto” insert “ and to rules under paragraph 6B ”, and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) after “practice” insert “ or former practice or with any trust of which he is or was a trustee ”.

(6) After paragraph 6 insert—

“6A (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 5, if the Council passes a resolution to the effect that any rights to which this paragraph applies shall vest in the Council, those rights shall vest accordingly.

(2) This paragraph applies to any right to recover or receive debts due to the licensed conveyancer or his firm in connection with his practice or former practice.

(3) Any sums recovered by the Council by virtue of the exercise of rights vested under sub-paragraph (1) shall vest in the Council and shall be held by it on trust to exercise in relation to them the powers conferred by this Part of this Schedule and, subject to those powers and to rules under paragraph 6B, upon trust for the persons beneficially entitled to them.

(4) The Council shall serve on the licensed conveyancer or his firm, and any person who owes a debt to which the order applies a certified copy of the Council's resolution.

6B (1) The Council may make rules governing its treatment of sums vested in it under paragraph 6 or 6A(3).

(2) The rules may, in particular, make provision in respect of cases where the Council, having taken such steps to do so as are reasonable in all the circumstances of the case, is unable to trace the person or persons beneficially entitled to any sum vested in the Council under paragraph 6 or 6A(3) (including provision which requires amounts to be paid into or out of a fund maintained under section 21).”

(7) In paragraph 7(1) (holding of sums vested in Council) after “thereto” insert “ and to rules under paragraph 6B ”.

(8) In paragraph 8 for “holds money” to the end substitute—

- “(a) holds money on behalf of the licensed conveyancer or his firm, or
- (b) has information which is relevant to identifying any money held by or on behalf of the licensed conveyancer or his firm,

the court may require that person to give the Council information as to any such money and the accounts in which it is held. ”

(9) In paragraph 9 (documents)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) after “possession” insert “ or under the control ”, and
 - (ii) after “practice” insert “ or former practice or with any trust of which the licensed conveyancer is or was a trustee ”,
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

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- (i) after “possession” insert “ or under the control ”, and
- (ii) for “to which the complaint relates” substitute “ of which the Council is satisfied ”,
- (c) in sub-paragraph (3) after “possession” insert “ or control ”,
- (d) in sub-paragraph (5) after “possession” insert “ or are under the control ”,
- (e) after that sub-paragraph insert—

“(5A) In the case of a document which consists of information which is stored in electronic form, the requirement imposed by a notice under sub-paragraph (1) or an order under sub-paragraph (4) or (5), is a requirement to produce or deliver the information in a form in which it is legible or from which it can readily be produced in a legible form.”,

- (f) in sub-paragraph (6) after “possession of” insert “ (a) ”,
 - (g) at the end of that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(b) any property—
 - (i) in the possession or under the control of the licensed conveyancer or his firm, or
 - (ii) in the case of an order under sub-paragraph (5), which was in the possession or under the control of such a person and has come into the possession or under the control of the person in respect of whom the order is made,
 which the Council reasonably requires for the purpose of accessing information contained in such documents,
 - and to use property obtained under paragraph (b) for that purpose. ”,
 - (h) in sub-paragraph (7) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”,
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (8) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”, and
 - (j) in sub-paragraph (10) after “documents” insert “ or other property ”.
- (10) For paragraph 10 (mail) substitute—

“Redirection of communications

- 10 (1) The High Court, on the application of the Council, may from time to time make a communications redirection order.
- (2) A communications redirection order is an order that specified communications to the licensed conveyancer or his firm are to be directed, in accordance with the order, to the Council, or any person appointed by the Council.
- (3) For the purposes of this paragraph—
- (a) “specified communications” means communications of such description as are specified in the order;
 - (b) the descriptions of communications which may be so specified include—
 - (i) communications in the form of a postal packet;
 - (ii) electronic communications;
 - (iii) communications by telephone.

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- (4) A communications redirection order has effect for such time not exceeding 18 months as is specified in the order.
- (5) Where a communications redirection order has effect, the Council or the person appointed by the Council may take possession or receipt of the communications redirected in accordance with the order.
- (6) Where a communications redirection order is made the Council must pay to—
 - (a) in the case of an order relating to postal packets, the postal operator concerned, and
 - (b) in any other case, the person specified in the order,the like charges (if any) as would have been payable for the redirection of the communications to which the order relates if the addressee had permanently ceased to occupy or use the premises or other destination of the communications and had applied to the postal operator or the specified person (as the case may be) to redirect the communications to him as mentioned in the order.
- (7) The High Court may, on the application of the Council, authorise the Council, or a person appointed by it, to take such steps as may be specified in the order in relation to any website purporting to be or have been maintained by or on behalf of the licensed conveyancer or his firm if the High Court is satisfied that the taking of those steps is necessary to protect the public interest or the interests of clients (or potential or former clients) of the licensed conveyancer or his firm.
- (8) In this paragraph “postal operator” and “postal packet” have the meaning given by section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000.
- (9) This paragraph does not apply where the powers conferred by this Part of this Schedule are exercisable by virtue of paragraph 3.”
- (11) After paragraph 10 insert—

“Trusts

- 10A(1) If the licensed conveyancer or his personal representative is a trustee of a trust, the Council may apply to the High Court for an order for the appointment of a new trustee in substitution for him.
- (2) The Trustee Act 1925 has effect in relation to an appointment of a new trustee under this paragraph as it has effect in relation to an appointment under section 41 of that Act.”
- (12) In paragraph 11 (liens) for “and documents” substitute “ , documents and other property ”.
- (13) After paragraph 12 (costs) insert—
 - “12A(1) The High Court, on the application of the Council, may order a former partner of the licensed conveyancer to pay a specified proportion of the costs mentioned in paragraph 12.

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- (2) The High Court may make an order under this paragraph only if it is satisfied that the conduct (or any part of the conduct) by reason of which the powers conferred by this Part were exercisable in relation to the licensed conveyancer was conduct carried on with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of, the former partner.
- (3) In this paragraph “specified” means specified in the order made by the High Court.”

Commencement Information

I175 Sch. 17 para. 31 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(c)(i) (subject to art. 4)

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- 32 (1) Schedule 6 (bodies recognised under section 32: supplementary provisions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1—
- (a) omit “corporate” (in both places), and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2) omit—
 - (i) “or complaint” (in both places), and
 - (ii) “or (b)”.
- (3) In paragraph 2 (disciplinary control of recognised bodies) after “24” insert “, 24A ”.
- (4) In paragraph 3—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), in paragraph (a)(i) omit “by any court in the United Kingdom”,
 - (b) after paragraph (a) of that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(aa) it is alleged that a manager or employee of a recognised body who is not a licensed conveyancer has failed to comply with any rules applicable to him by virtue of section 32;
 - (ab) it is alleged that a recognised body (while a recognised body) has failed to comply with a condition subject to which its recognition has effect.”,
 - (c) in that sub-paragraph omit—
 - (i) paragraph (b), and
 - (ii) from “with a view” to the end, and
 - (d) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—
 - “(1A) After making such an investigation, the Investigating Committee may—
 - (a) hear and determine the allegation, or
 - (b) refer the allegation to the Discipline and Appeals Committee for hearing and determination by that Committee under paragraph 4.

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(1B) The Council shall make rules as to the cases in which the Investigating Committee may hear and determine an allegation, and the cases in which they must refer an allegation to the Discipline and Appeals Committee.”

(5) After paragraph 3 insert—

“3A (1) Where, on hearing an allegation by virtue of paragraph 3(1A)(a), the Investigating Committee are satisfied—

- (a) in a case within paragraph 3(1)(a), that a recognised body has failed to comply with any such rules as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) of that paragraph, or
- (b) in a case within paragraph 3(1)(aa), that a manager or employee has failed to comply with any such rules as are mentioned in that paragraph, or
- (c) in a case within paragraph 3(1)(ab), that a recognised body has failed to comply with any condition mentioned in that paragraph,

the Committee may make an order directing the payment by the recognised body, manager or employee of a penalty to be forfeited to Her Majesty.

(2) In relation to proceedings before the Investigating Committee by virtue of paragraph 3(1A)(a), the Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the recognised body, manager or employee against whom the proceedings were brought;
- (c) if the person on whose allegation the proceedings were brought was heard (in person, or through a representative) by the Committee in the course of the proceedings, that person.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2), for the purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) of that sub-paragraph, the reference to costs includes costs incurred in connection with a preliminary investigation of the allegation under paragraph 3.

(4) The amount of any penalty required to be paid under sub-paragraph (1) may not exceed such amount as is prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.

(5) Paragraphs 1, 2(1) and (3) and 4 of Schedule 4 have effect in relation to—

- (a) proceedings for the hearing and determination of an allegation by the Investigating Committee, as they have effect in relation to proceedings before the Discipline and Appeals Committee under section 26, and
- (b) orders of the Investigating Committee, as they have effect in relation to orders of the Discipline and Appeals Committee.

(6) A person against whom an order is made by the Investigating Committee by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they think fit.

(7) If an order is made by the Investigating Committee by virtue of sub-paragraph (2), a person listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that sub-paragraph

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may appeal to the Discipline and Appeals Committee, and on any such appeal the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they think fit.

(8) Where an order is made by the Discipline and Appeals Committee under sub-paragraph (6) or (7)—

- (a) a party to the appeal, or
- (b) if not within paragraph (a), the Council,

may appeal against the order to the High Court.

(9) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (8) the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.

(10) The decision of the High Court on an appeal under sub-paragraph (8) shall be final.”

(6) In paragraph 4—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) after “allegation” insert “ within paragraph 3(1)(a) or (ab) ”,
- (b) in that sub-paragraph, after paragraph (b) insert “, or
 - (c) has failed to comply with any such condition as is mentioned in paragraph 3(1)(ab),”
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2), in paragraph (b), for “£3,000” substitute “ such amount as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this sub-paragraph ”,
- (d) after paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(ba) an order reprimanding that body;
 - (bb) an order that the recognition of that body under section 32 is to have effect subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order;”
- (e) omit paragraph (c) of that sub-paragraph,
- (f) after that sub-paragraph insert—

“(2A) Where on the hearing of any allegation within paragraph 3(1)(aa) the Discipline and Appeals Committee are satisfied that a manager or employee has failed to comply with any such rules as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) of that paragraph, the Committee may, if they think fit, make one or more of the orders referred to in sub-paragraph (2B).

(2B) Those orders are—

- (a) an order directing the payment by the manager or employee of a penalty not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council for the purposes of this sub-paragraph;
- (b) an order requiring the Council to consider taking such steps as the Committee may specify in relation to the manager or employee;
- (c) an order requiring the Council to refer to an appropriate regulator any matter relating to the conduct of the manager or employee.

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(2C) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2B)(c) an “appropriate regulator” in relation to a manager or employee means—

- (a) if the person is an authorised person in relation to a reserved legal activity for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, any relevant approved regulator (within the meaning of that Act) in relation to that person, and
- (b) if the person carries on activities which are not reserved legal activities, any person who exercises regulatory functions in relation to the carrying on of such activities by the person.

(2D) In relation to proceedings under this paragraph, the Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the recognised body or manager or employee against whom the proceedings were brought;
- (c) if the person on whose allegation the proceedings were brought was heard (in person, or through a representative) by the Committee in the course of the proceedings, that person.

(2E) In sub-paragraph (2D), for the purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) of that sub-paragraph, the reference to costs includes costs incurred in connection with a preliminary investigation of the allegation under paragraph 3.”, and

(g) omit sub-paragraphs (3), (3A) and (4).

(7) In paragraph 5—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) after “26” insert “ or paragraph 4 ”, and
 - (ii) for “director” (in each place) substitute “ manager ”,
- (b) in sub-paragraph (3) for “director” (in both places) substitute “ manager ”, and
- (c) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) In relation to proceedings for the revocation of a recognition under sub-paragraph (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—

- (a) the Council;
- (b) the body to whose recognition the proceedings relate.”.

(8) In paragraph 6 (appeals against orders of the Committee)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “body corporate” substitute “ person ”,
 - (ii) after “4(1)” insert “ or (2A) ”, and
 - (iii) for “5” substitute “ 5(1) ”, and
- (b) after that sub-paragraph insert—

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- “(1A) Where an order is made by the Committee under paragraph 4(2D) or 5(4) a person listed in that paragraph may appeal to the High Court, and on any such appeal the High Court may make such order as it thinks fit.”
- (9) After paragraph 7 (revocation of recognition on grounds of fraud or error)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) and (2) omit “corporate”, and
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—
 - “(3) In relation to proceedings for the revocation of a recognition under sub-paragraph (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the body to whose recognition the proceedings relate.
 - (4) In relation to proceedings on an application under sub-paragraph (2), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the applicant.”
- (10) In paragraph 8 (appeal against decision of Council in relation to grant of recognition)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit “corporate”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph for “restrictions” substitute “conditions”,
 - (c) after that paragraph insert “, or
 - (c) decides to give a direction in relation to that body under section 32(3B), or
 - (d) refuses an application by that body under section 32(3D),”,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (2) for “this paragraph” substitute “sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b)”,
 - (e) in paragraph (a) of that sub-paragraph—
 - (i) for “restrictions” (in the first place) substitute “conditions”, and
 - (ii) for “restrictions falling within subsection (3)(d) of that section” substitute “conditions”, and
 - (f) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(2A) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (1)(c), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may—
 - (a) revoke the direction of the Council under section 32(3B),
 - (b) direct that the body's recognition is to have effect subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Council in the direction, or
 - (c) affirm the decision of the Council,
 and the Committee may make such order as to the payment of costs by the Council or by that body as they think fit.
 - (2B) On an appeal under sub-paragraph (1)(d), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may—
 - (a) direct the Council to grant the application, or

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(b) affirm the decision of the Council,
and the Committee may make such order as to the payment of costs
by the Council or by that body as they think fit.”

(11) In paragraph 9 (rules of procedure etc) in sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) for “, 2 and 3” substitute “ and 2 ”, and
- (b) for “paragraph 4 or 5” substitute “ paragraph 3A, 4 or 5 ”.

(12) In paragraph 10 (intervention by Council)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), in paragraph (a) after “recognised body” insert “ or a manager of such a body ”,
- (b) after that paragraph insert—

“(aa) the Council is satisfied that a recognised body has been carrying on business in breach of any condition subject to which the body's recognition under section 32 of this Act has effect; or”,

- (c) for paragraph (c) of that sub-paragraph substitute—

“(c) a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to a recognised body; or”,

- (d) in paragraph (d) of that sub-paragraph for “officer” substitute “ manager ”,
- (e) in that paragraph for “that body's” to the end of the paragraph substitute—

- “(i) that body's business,
- (ii) any trust of which that body is or was a trustee,
- (iii) any trust of which the manager or employee is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee, or
- (iv) the business of another body in which the manager or employee is or was a manager or employee or the practice (or former practice) of the manager or employee;”,

- (f) after that paragraph insert “or

(e) the Council is satisfied that it is necessary to exercise the powers conferred by Part 2 of Schedule 5 (or any of them) in relation to a recognised body to protect—

- (i) the interests of clients (or former or potential clients) of the recognised body,
- (ii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which the recognised body is or was a trustee, or
- (iii) the interests of the beneficiaries of any trust of which a person who is or was a manager or employee of the recognised body is or was a trustee in that person's capacity as such a manager or employee.”,

- (g) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) For the purposes of this paragraph a relevant insolvency event occurs in relation to a recognised body if—

- (a) a resolution for a voluntary winding-up of the body is passed without a declaration of solvency under section 89 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

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- (b) the body enters administration within the meaning of paragraph 1(2)(b) of Schedule B1 to that Act;
 - (c) an administrative receiver within the meaning of section 251 of that Act is appointed;
 - (d) a meeting of creditors is held in relation to the body under section 95 of that Act (creditors' meeting which has the effect of converting a members' voluntary winding up into a creditors' voluntary winding up);
 - (e) an order for the winding up of the body is made.”, and
 - (h) omit sub-paragraph (2).
- (13) For paragraph 11(a) substitute—
- “(a) the Council is satisfied that there has been undue delay on the part of—
 - (i) a recognised body in connection with any matter in which it is or was acting on behalf of a client or with any trust of which it is or was a trustee, or
 - (ii) a person who is or was a manager or employee of a recognised body in connection with any trust of which he is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee; and”.
- (14) In paragraph 12(1) omit “corporate” (in both places).
- (15) In paragraph 13—
- (a) in paragraph (a) omit “corporate”, and
 - (b) omit “and” at the end of paragraph (b) and after paragraph (c) insert—
 - “(d) paragraph 6(2)(a) of that Schedule is to be construed as including a reference to sums of money held by or on behalf of the recognised body in connection with any trust of which a person who is or was manager or employee of that body is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee;
 - (e) paragraph 9 of that Schedule is to be construed—
 - (i) as if sub-paragraph (1) included a reference to documents in the possession or under the control of the recognised body in connection with any trust of which a person who is or was a manager or employee of that body is or was a trustee in his capacity as such a manager or employee, and
 - (ii) as applying to a person who is or was a manager or employee of the recognised body and documents and property in his possession or under his control in connection with such a trust as it applies to a recognised body and documents and property in the possession or under the control of that body;
 - (f) paragraph 10A(1) of that Schedule is to be construed as including power for the Council to apply to the High Court for an order for the appointment of a new trustee to a trust in substitution for a person who is a trustee in his capacity as a manager or employee of the recognised body; and

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- (g) paragraph 12A of that Schedule is to be read as if the references to a former partner were references—
- (i) in the case of a recognised body which is a partnership, to a former partner in the partnership, and
 - (ii) in any other case to a manager or former manager of the recognised body.”
- (16) In paragraph 14 (examination of files)—
- (a) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—
 - “(1) Where the Investigating Committee are satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the purpose of investigating any such allegation as is mentioned in paragraph 3(1)(a)(ii), (aa) or (ab), the Committee may give an information notice to a relevant person.
 - (1A) An information notice is a notice requiring the production or delivery to any person appointed by the Committee, at a time and a place to be fixed by the Committee, of all documents in the possession or under the control of the relevant person in connection with the matters to which the allegation relates (whether or not they relate also to other matters).
 - (1B) In this section “relevant person” means—
 - (a) in the case of an allegation against a recognised body, the recognised body or any of its managers or employees, and
 - (b) in the case of an allegation against a manager or employee of a recognised body, the manager or employee, the recognised body or any other manager or employee of the recognised body.”, and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “and 12” substitute “ to 12A ”,
 - (ii) for “sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph” (except where it appears in paragraph (d)) substitute “ sub-paragraphs (1) and (1A) of this paragraph ”,
 - (iii) in paragraph (b) after “body” insert “ , manager or employee ”, and
 - (iv) in paragraph (d) for “sub-paragraph (1)” substitute “ sub-paragraph (1A) ”.
- (17) Omit paragraph 15 (application of rules relating to accounts etc).
- (18) In paragraph 16 (interest on client's money)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) after “recognised bodies” insert “ or managers or employees of such bodies, ”,
 - (ii) after “recognised body” insert “ , manager or employee ”,
 - (iii) for “it keeps” substitute “ it or he keeps ”,
 - (iv) for “its clients” substitute “ clients of the recognised body ”, and
 - (v) after “received by it” insert “ or him ”, and

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- (b) in sub-paragraph (2), for “and any of its clients” substitute “, or any manager or employee of such a body, and any of the clients of the recognised body”.

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I176 Sch. 17 para. 32 partly in force: Sch. 17 para. 32 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 17 para. 32(1)-(6)(f) in force and Sch. 17 para. 32(6)(f) in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2009 by [S.I. 2009/503](#), [art. 2\(c\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 4](#))

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PART 2 **E+W**

COURTS AND LEGAL SERVICES ACT 1990 (C. 41)

33 The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 is amended in accordance with this Part.

34 (1) Section 53 (the Council for Licensed Conveyancers) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (1) to (3) substitute—

“(1) The Council for Licensed Conveyancers has the powers necessary to enable it to become designated as an approved regulator in relation to one or more of the reserved legal activities within subsection (1A).

(1A) The reserved legal activities to which this subsection applies are—

- (a) the exercise of a right of audience;
- (b) the conduct of litigation;
- (c) probate activities.

(2) If the Council becomes an approved regulator in relation to one or more of those activities, it may, in that capacity, authorise a person to carry on a relevant activity only if the person is a licensed conveyancer.

(3) Where the Council authorises a licensed conveyancer to carry on a relevant activity, it is to do so by issuing a licence to the licensed conveyancer.”

(3) Omit subsection (5).

(4) For subsection (6) substitute—

“(6) Where the Council exercises any of its powers in connection with—

- (a) an application for designation as an approved regulator in relation to a reserved legal activity within subsection (1A), or
- (b) the authorising of a person to carry on a relevant activity,

it is to do so subject to any requirements to which it is subject in accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act 2007.”

(5) In subsection (8), for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”.

(6) In subsection (9)—

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- (a) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Lord Chancellor ”, and
- (b) omit paragraph (e).

(7) After that subsection insert—

“(10) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) “right of audience”, “conduct of litigation”, “probate activities” and “reserved legal activity” have the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007;
- (b) references to designation as an approved regulator are to designation as an approved regulator—
 - (i) by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007, by virtue of an order under paragraph 5 of Schedule 22 to that Act, or
 - (ii) under Part 2 of Schedule 4 to that Act;
- (c) “relevant activity” means an activity which is a reserved legal activity—
 - (i) which is within subsection (1A), and
 - (ii) in relation to which the Council is designated as an approved regulator by Part 1 of Schedule 4 to that Act (by virtue of an order under paragraph 5 of Schedule 22 to that Act) or under Part 2 of that Schedule.”

Commencement Information

I177 Sch. 17 para. 34 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; Sch. 17 para. 34 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 17 para. 34(1)(5)(6) in force at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(c)(ii); Sch. 17 para. 34 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(f)(iii) (with art. 9)

35 (1) Schedule 8 (licensed conveyancers) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1 (definitions)—

- (a) in the definition of “advocacy licence” for “and constituting” to the end substitute “ by which the Council authorises the licensed conveyancer concerned to exercise a right of audience; ”,
- (b) in the definition of “litigation licence” for “and constituting” to the end substitute “ by which the Council authorises the licensed conveyancer concerned to carry on activities which constitute the conduct of litigation; ”,
- (c) in the definition of “probate licence” for “and constituting” to the end substitute “ by which the Council authorises the licensed conveyancer concerned to carry on activities which constitute probate activities; ”, and
- (d) at the end insert—

““reserved legal activity” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 12 of and Schedule 2 to that Act).”

(3) In paragraph 2 (qualification regulations and rules of conduct), in sub-paragraph (1)

- (a) for “rules of conduct” substitute “ conduct rules ”, and
- (b) for “granting of the rights or exemption” substitute “ carrying on of the reserved legal activities ”.

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- (4) In paragraph 4 (issue of licences), in sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) for “rules of conduct” substitute “conduct rules”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (c) for “provide the advocacy, litigation or probate services” substitute “carry on the reserved legal activities”.
- (5) In paragraph 5 (conditional licences)—
- (a) for sub-paragraph (1)(d) substitute—
 - “(d) after the Investigating Committee have made any order in his case under section 24A(1) of the Act of 1985 or the Discipline and Appeals Committee have made any order in his case under section 26(1) of that Act.”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (6)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) for “service that may be provided” substitute “activities that may be carried on”, and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “provides the additional services” substitute “carries on the additional activities”, and
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (7) insert—
 - “(8) Where a person applies for an advocacy, litigation or probate licence at a time when this paragraph has effect in relation to that person by reason of the circumstances mentioned in section 16(1) (ea) of the Act of 1985, section 16A(2) of that Act has effect as it has effect in relation to an application for a licence under Part 2 of that Act.”
- (6) Omit paragraph 7 (code of conduct).
- (7) In paragraph 9 (removal of disqualification from holding a licence) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—
 - “(3) In relation to proceedings on an application under sub-paragraph (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the applicant.”
- (8) In paragraph 10 (revocation on grounds of error or fraud), after sub-paragraph (4) insert—
 - “(5) In relation to proceedings for the revocation of a licence under sub-paragraph (1), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the licensed conveyancer to whose licence the proceedings relate.
 - (6) In relation to proceedings on an application under sub-paragraph (2), the Discipline and Appeals Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
 - (a) the Council;
 - (b) the applicant.”
- (9) Omit paragraph 11.

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- (10) In paragraph 12 (delegation of powers etc)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “Subject” to “enactment, the” substitute “ The ”,
 - (b) in that sub-paragraph, for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) by a sub-committee of such a committee; or
 - (c) by an individual (whether or not a member of the Council's staff).”,
 - (c) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(1A) Where by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) any function may be discharged by a committee, the committee may arrange for the discharge of that function by—
 - (a) a sub-committee of that committee; or
 - (b) an individual, whether or not a member of the Council's staff.
 - (1B) Sub-paragraph (1A) is subject to any contrary direction given by the Council.
 - (1C) Arrangements made under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A) in respect of a function may provide that the function is to be exercised in accordance with the arrangements only (and not by the delegating body).
 - (1D) For this purpose “the delegating body” means—
 - (a) in the case of arrangements under sub-paragraph (1), the Council, and
 - (b) in the case of arrangements under sub-paragraph (1A), the committee.”,
 - (d) for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—
 - “(3) Any power conferred by sub-paragraph (1), (1A) or (2) may be exercised so as to impose restrictions or conditions on the body or individual by whom the function is to be discharged.”,
 - (e) for sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) substitute—
 - “(6) A committee or sub-committee established under this paragraph may include or consist of individuals other than—
 - (a) members of the Council;
 - (b) licensed conveyancers.
 - (7) A sub-committee of a committee established under this paragraph may also include or consist of individuals other than members of the committee.
 - (7A) The Council may make arrangements for the appointment and removal of members of any committee to be made other than by the Council.
 - (7B) A committee or sub-committee may regulate its own procedure, including quorum.”, and
 - (f) after sub-paragraph (9) insert—

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“(10) This paragraph is subject to any provision to the contrary made by or under any enactment.”

(11) Omit paragraph 13 (Council's intervention powers).

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SCHEDULE 18 E+W

Section 186

IMMIGRATION ADVICE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

PART 1 E+W

QUALIFYING REGULATORS

Designation orders

- 1 In this Part of this Schedule “designation order” means an order made under section 86A(6) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) (designated qualifying regulators entitled to authorise persons to provide immigration advice and immigration services).

Continuity of existing rights

- 2 Each of the following bodies is a qualifying regulator for the purposes of Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999—
- (a) the Law Society;
 - (b) the Institute of Legal Executives;
 - (c) the General Council of the Bar.

Application to become a qualifying regulator

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where a body wishes to become a qualifying regulator for the purposes of Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- (2) A body may apply to the Board for the Board—
- (a) to designate the body as a qualifying regulator for those purposes, and
 - (b) to approve what the applicant proposes as its regulatory arrangements if a designation order is made (“the proposed regulatory arrangements”).
- (3) But a body may make an application under this paragraph only if—

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- (a) it is an approved regulator (other than the Board), or
 - (b) it has made an application under Part 2 of Schedule 4 (designation of approved regulators).
- (4) An application under this paragraph must be made in such form and manner as the Board may specify in rules and must be accompanied by—
- (a) details of the applicant's proposed regulatory arrangements,
 - (b) such explanatory material as the applicant considers is likely to be needed for the purposes of this Part of this Schedule, and
 - (c) the prescribed fee.
- (5) The prescribed fee is the fee prescribed in, or determined in accordance with, rules made by the Board with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (6) An applicant may, at any time, withdraw the application by giving notice to that effect to the Board.

Consultation and representations

- 4 Paragraphs 4 to 12 of Schedule 4 (consultation requirements etc in relation to applications for designation as approved regulator) apply in relation to an application under paragraph 3 as they apply in relation to an application under paragraph 3 of that Schedule, but as if—
- (a) in paragraphs 6(2), 7(2), and 9(3) of that Schedule the references to making an order under paragraph 17 in accordance with the recommendation were references to making a designation order in respect of the applicant, and
 - (b) in paragraph 6(2) of that Schedule the reference to the market for reserved legal services were a reference to the market for immigration advice and immigration services.

Determination of application

- 5 (1) The Board must make rules specifying how it will determine applications under paragraph 3.
- (2) Rules under sub-paragraph (1) must, in particular, provide that the Board may grant an application only if it is satisfied—
- (a) that, if a designation order were to be made in relation to the applicant, the applicant would have appropriate internal governance arrangements in place at the time the order takes effect,
 - (b) that, if such an order were made, the applicant would be competent to perform the role of designated qualifying regulator (within the meaning of section 86A of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)) at that time,
 - (c) that the arrangements made by the applicant for authorising persons to provide immigration advice or immigration services provide that persons may not be so authorised unless they are persons who are also authorised by the applicant to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities,
 - (d) that the applicant's proposed regulatory arrangements make appropriate provision, and

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- (e) that the applicant's proposed regulatory arrangements comply with the requirements imposed by sections 112 and 145 (requirements imposed in relation to the handling of complaints).
- (3) The rules made for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a) must in particular require the Board to be satisfied—
- (a) that the exercise of the applicant's regulatory functions would not be prejudiced by any of its representative functions, and
 - (b) that decisions relating to the exercise of its regulatory functions would so far as reasonably practicable be taken independently from decisions relating to the exercise of its representative functions.
- (4) In subsection (2)(c) the reference to persons who are also authorised by the applicant to carry on activities which are reserved legal activities includes, in relation to any application by the Law Society, registered foreign lawyers (within the meaning of section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990).
- 6 (1) After considering—
- (a) the application and accompanying material,
 - (b) any other information provided by the applicant,
 - (c) any advice duly given and representations duly made by virtue of paragraph 4, and
 - (d) any other information which the Board considers relevant to the application,
- the Board must decide whether to grant the application.
- (2) The Board must give notice of its decision to the applicant (“the decision notice”).
- (3) Where the Board decides to refuse the application, the decision notice must specify the reasons for that decision.
- (4) The Board must publish the decision notice.
- (5) Paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 (period within which decision must be made) applies in relation to a decision notice under this paragraph as it applies in relation to a decision notice under paragraph 14 of that Schedule.
- Effect of application*
- 7 (1) Where an application is granted under paragraph 6, the decision notice must specify that the applicant is a qualifying regulator for the purposes of Part 5 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33).
- (2) Where an application is granted under paragraph 6, the proposed regulatory arrangements are at the same time treated as having been approved by the Board.
- (3) But if the application was made in reliance upon paragraph 3(3)(b), the applicant's status as such a qualifying regulator and the approval of its proposed regulatory arrangements under sub-paragraph (2) are conditional upon the Lord Chancellor making an order under Part 2 of Schedule 4 designating the body as an approved regulator in relation to one or more reserved legal activities.
- Loss of qualifying regulator status*
- 8 (1) Where a qualifying regulator—

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- (a) ceases to be an approved regulator, or
 - (b) ceases to be a designated qualifying regulator within the meaning of section 86A of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 by virtue of an order under subsection (3) or (4) of that section,
- it also ceases to be a qualifying regulator.
- (2) But sub-paragraph (1) is without prejudice to a body's ability to make a further application under paragraph 3.
 - (3) If a body in the list in paragraph 2 ceases to be a qualifying regulator by virtue of sub-paragraph (1), the Lord Chancellor must, by order, remove it from that list.

PART 2 **E+W**

AMENDMENTS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999 (C. 33)

- 9 The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 is amended in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.
- 10 In section 82(1) (interpretation of Part 5), after the definition of “designated professional body” insert—
 - ““designated qualifying regulator” has the meaning given by section 86A;”.
- 11 In section 83 (the Immigration Services Commissioner), after subsection (6) insert—
 - “(6A) The duties imposed on the Commissioner by subsections (3) and (5) apply in relation to persons within section 84(2)(ba) only to the extent that those duties have effect in relation to the Commissioner's functions under section 92 or 92A.”
- 12 (1) Section 84 (provision of immigration services) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) after paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(ba) a person authorised to provide immigration advice or immigration services by a designated qualifying regulator;”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (c)(ii) after “(b)” insert “ or (ba) ”.
 - (3) After subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) A person's entitlement to provide immigration advice or immigration services by virtue of subsection (2)(ba)—
 - (a) is subject to any limitation on that person's authorisation imposed by the regulatory arrangements of the designated qualifying regulator in question, and
 - (b) does not extend to the provision of such advice or services by the person other than in England and Wales (regardless of whether the persons to whom they are provided are in England and Wales or elsewhere).

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(3B) In subsection (3A) “regulatory arrangements” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 21 of that Act).”

13 (1) Section 86 (designated professional bodies) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit subsections (1)(a), (d) and (e) and (4)(b).

(3) In subsection (5)(a) omit “England and Wales or”.

(4) In subsection (6)—

(a) omit paragraph (a), and

(b) in paragraph (b) for “it” substitute “ the order ”.

(5) In subsection (8) after “that a body” insert “ (other than a body in England and Wales) ”.

14 After section 86 insert—

“86A Designated qualifying regulators

(1) “Designated qualifying regulator” means a body which is a qualifying regulator and is listed in subsection (2).

(2) The listed bodies are—

(a) the Law Society;

(b) the Institute of Legal Executives;

(c) the General Council of the Bar.

(3) The Secretary of State may by order remove a body from the list in subsection (2) if the Secretary of State considers that the body has failed to provide effective regulation of relevant authorised persons in their provision of immigration advice or immigration services.

(4) If a designated qualifying regulator asks the Secretary of State to amend subsection (2) so as to remove its name, the Secretary of State may by order do so.

(5) Where, at a time when a body is listed in subsection (2), the body ceases to be a qualifying regulator by virtue of paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 18 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (loss of approved regulator status), the Secretary of State must, by order, remove it from the list.

(6) If the Secretary of State considers that a body which—

(a) is a qualifying regulator,

(b) is not a designated qualifying regulator, and

(c) is capable of providing effective regulation of relevant authorised persons in their provision of immigration advice or immigration services,

ought to be designated, the Secretary of State may, by order, amend the list in subsection (2) to include the name of that body.

(7) If the Secretary of State is proposing to act under subsection (3) or (6), the Secretary of State must, before doing so, consult the Commissioner.

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- (8) If the Secretary of State is proposing to act under subsection (3), the Secretary of State must, before doing so, also —
- (a) notify the body concerned of the proposal and give it a reasonable period within which to make representations, and
 - (b) consider any representations duly made.
- (9) An order under subsection (3) or (6) requires the approval of the Lord Chancellor.
- (10) If the Legal Services Board considers that a designated qualifying regulator is failing to provide effective regulation of relevant authorised persons in their provision of immigration advice or immigration services, the Legal Services Board must make a report to this effect—
- (a) the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) the Lord Chancellor.
- (11) In this section—
- “qualifying regulator” means a body which is a qualifying regulator for the purposes of this Part of this Act by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 18 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (approved regulators approved by the Legal Services Board in relation to immigration matters);
- “relevant authorised persons”, in relation to a designated qualifying regulator, means persons who are authorised by the designated qualifying regulator to provide immigration advice or immigration services.”
- 15 (1) Section 90 (orders by disciplinary bodies) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), for paragraph (a) substitute—
- “(a) appearing to the Secretary of State to be established for the purpose of hearing disciplinary charges against—
- (i) members of a designated professional body, or
 - (ii) persons regulated by designated qualifying regulators; and”.

(3) In subsection (3) after “body” insert “ or designated qualifying regulator ”.

(4) In subsection (5)—

 - (a) after “means” insert “—
(a)”,
and
 - (b) after “that body” insert “, or
(b) a person who is authorised by the designated qualifying regulator concerned to provide immigration advice or immigration services.”

16 In section 166(4) (orders requiring approval by Parliament), after paragraph (d) insert—

“(da) section 86A(3).”.

17 (1) Schedule 5 (the Immigration Services Commissioner) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 3 (code of standards)—

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- (a) after sub-paragraph (3)(a) insert—
 - “(aa) a person who is authorised by a designated qualifying regulator to provide immigration advice or immigration services;”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) after “paragraph (a)” insert “ or (aa) ”,
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (6)(a) insert—
 - “(aa) each of the designated qualifying regulators;”, and
 - (d) omit sub-paragraph (6)(b).
- (3) In paragraph 4 (extension of scope of the code)—
- (a) omit sub-paragraph (2)(b),
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) omit “England and Wales or”, and
 - (c) omit sub-paragraph (4)(a).
- (4) In paragraph 5 (investigation of complaints)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (3), for the words from “but” to the end substitute— “ but not if the complaint is excluded by sub-paragraph (3A). ”,
 - (b) after that sub-paragraph insert—
 - “(3A) A complaint is excluded if—
 - (a) it relates to a person who is excluded from the application of subsection (1) of section 84 by subsection (6) of that section, or
 - (b) it relates to a person within section 84(2)(ba).”

PROSPECTIVE

PART 3 E+W

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

The transitional period

- 18 (1) In this Part of this Schedule references to “the transitional period” are to the period which—
- (a) begins with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on reserved legal activities), and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed by the Lord Chancellor by order for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (2) Different days may be appointed under sub-paragraph (1)(b) for different purposes.
- (3) An order may be made under sub-paragraph (1)(b) only on the recommendation of the Board.

Barristers etc

- 19 (1) During the transitional period, every barrister is deemed to be authorised by the General Council of the Bar to provide immigration advice and immigration services.

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- (2) That authority is exercisable in accordance with, and subject to, the regulatory arrangements of the General Council of the Bar.
- (3) A person is not authorised under sub-paragraph (1) unless the person has in force a certificate issued by the General Council of the Bar authorising the person to practise as a barrister.
- 20 (1) During the transitional period, every registered European lawyer registered with the Inns of Court and the General Council of the Bar is deemed to be authorised by the General Council of the Bar to provide immigration advice and immigration services if the registered European lawyer is entitled to provide immigration advice and immigration services under his home professional title by virtue of the European regulations.
- (2) That authority is exercisable in accordance with, and subject to, the regulatory arrangements of the General Council of the Bar (as they apply to the registered European lawyer by virtue of the European regulations).
- (3) In this paragraph—
“European regulations” means the European Communities (Lawyer’s Practice) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1119);
“home professional title” and “registered European lawyer” have the same meaning as in the European regulations.
- Solicitors etc*
- 21 (1) During the transitional period, each of the following is deemed to be authorised by the Law Society to provide immigration advice and immigration services—
(a) every qualified solicitor;
(b) every registered foreign lawyer (within the meaning of section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41));
(c) every legal partnership (within the meaning of paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 5);
(d) every body recognised under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61).
- (2) That authority is exercisable in accordance with, and subject to, the regulatory arrangements of the Law Society.
- (3) “Qualified solicitor” means a person who is qualified under section 1 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) to act as a solicitor.
- 22 (1) During the transitional period, every registered European lawyer registered with the Law Society is deemed to be authorised by the Law Society to provide immigration advice and immigration services if the registered European lawyer is entitled to provide immigration advice and immigration services under his home professional title by virtue of the European regulations.
- (2) That authority is exercisable in accordance with, and subject to, the regulatory arrangements of the Law Society (as they apply to the registered European lawyer by virtue of the European regulations).
- (3) In this paragraph—

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 “home professional title” and “registered European lawyer” have the same meaning as in the European regulations.

Legal Executives

- 23 (1) During the transitional period, a person who is authorised by the Institute of Legal Executives to practise as a member of the profession of legal executives is deemed to be authorised by that Institute to provide immigration advice and immigration services.
- (2) That authority is exercisable in accordance with and subject to the regulatory arrangements of the Institute of Legal Executives.
- (3) A person is not authorised under sub-paragraph (1) unless the person has in force a certificate issued by the Institute of Legal Executives authorising the person to practise as a legal executive.

SCHEDULE 19 **E+W**

Section 187

CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1 The Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29) is amended in accordance with this Schedule.

PROSPECTIVE

F2

Textual Amendments

F2 Sch. 19 omitted (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **95(7)** (with arts. 106, 108)

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5 (1) Section 7 (enforcement: offence) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2)(b)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (i) for “51 weeks” substitute “ 12 months ”, and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (ii) for “level 5 on the standard scale” substitute “ the statutory maximum ”.

(3) For subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 the reference in subsection (2)(b)(i) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.”

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6 (1) Section 8 (enforcement: the Regulator) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (5)—

- (a) after “the Regulator” (in the second place) insert “—
(a) ”, and
- (b) after “Part” insert “, and
(b) to take possession of any written or electronic records found on the search for the purposes of subsection (6).”

(3) After subsection (8) insert—

“(9) The Secretary of State may not make regulations under subsection (8) unless—

- (a) they are made in accordance with a recommendation made by the Legal Services Board, or
- (b) the Secretary of State has consulted the Legal Services Board about the making of the regulations.”

Commencement Information

I179 Sch. 19 para. 6 partly in force; Sch. 19 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 19 para. 6(1)(2) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), **art. 2(e)**

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PROSPECTIVE

F2

Textual Amendments

F2 Sch. 19 omitted (29.11.2018 for specified purposes, 1.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 \(Claims Management Activity\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1253\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), **95(7)** (with arts. 106, 108)

- 8 (1) Section 11 (pretending to be authorised etc) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (4)(b)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (i) for “51 weeks” substitute “ 12 months ”, and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (ii) for “level 5 on the standard scale” substitute “ the statutory maximum ”.
- (3) For subsection (6) substitute—
- “(6) In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 the reference in subsection (4)(b)(i) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.”
- 9 In section 13 (appeals and references to Claims Management Services Tribunal), in subsection (4) for “against” substitute “ on a point of law arising from ”.

PROSPECTIVE

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Textual Amendments

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- 11 (1) The Schedule (claims management regulations) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 5(3)(a) for “, guidance or a code given or issued” substitute “ or guidance given ”.
- (3) In paragraph 7—
- (a) in paragraph (e) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (g)—
 - (i) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”, and

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- (ii) after “Fund” insert “ after consultation with the Secretary of State ”.
- (4) In paragraph 8(2)(a)(ii) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”.
- (5) In paragraph 9(2)(a)(ii) for “Secretary of State” substitute “ Legal Services Board ”.
- (6) In paragraph 14, in sub-paragraph (2) for “to enter” to the end substitute—
 - “(a) to enter and search premises on which a person conducts or is alleged to conduct regulated claims management business, for the purposes of—
 - (i) investigating a complaint about the activities of an authorised person, or
 - (ii) assessing compliance with terms and conditions of an authorisation, and
 - (b) to take possession of written or electronic records found on the search for the purposes of taking copies in accordance with regulations under sub-paragraph (3).”

Commencement Information

1180 Sch. 19 para. 11 partly in force; Sch. 19 para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 19 para. 11(1)(6) in force at 30.6.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1436](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

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SCHEDULE 20 **S**

Section 195

AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007 (ASP 5)

Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 46)

- 1 (1) The Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3A(5), omit paragraphs (a) and (ad).
- (3) In section 15(2)—
 - (a) in paragraph (e), for “38” substitute “ 62A ”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (j).
- (4) In section 20(2), omit “, 53A(2)(ba)”.
- (5) In section 24C(2)—
 - (a) in paragraph (d), for “38” substitute “ 62A ”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (i).
- (6) In section 34, omit subsections (4), (4C) and (4D).
- (7) Omit sections 38, 39, 42A and 42B.

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- (8) In section 42C—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) omit paragraphs (a) and (c),
 - (ii) omit “to the solicitor or his firm or”, and
 - (iii) omit “or, where” to the end,
 - (b) in subsection (2), in paragraphs (a) and (b) omit (in each place) “solicitor, firm or”,
 - (c) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), omit “the solicitor or his firm or, as the case may be,”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), omit “of which the solicitor” to “be,”,
 - (d) in subsection (4), omit (in each place) “38,”, and
 - (e) omit subsection (5).
- (9) In section 51—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) omit “a solicitor may have been guilty” to “Fund) or”, and
 - (ii) omit “or a solicitor” to “services”, and
 - (b) omit subsection (2A).
- (10) In section 52, in subsection (2)(aa) omit “42A(7) or”.
- (11) In section 53, omit subsections (3), (10) and (11).
- (12) Omit sections 53A, 53B and 53C.
- (13) In section 54, omit subsections (1), (2B) and (2C).
- (14) In section 55, omit subsection (8).
- (15) Omit section 56A.
- (16) In section 62A, in subsections (1) and (2) omit (in each place) “38,”.
- (17) In section 65—
- (a) in subsection (1), omit the definition of “inadequate professional services”, and
 - (b) omit subsection (5).
- (18) In Part 2 of Schedule 3, in paragraph 5(1), (2) and (3) omit (in each place) “38,”.
- (19) In Part 2 of Schedule 4—
- (a) in paragraph 9(a) and (b), omit (in each place) “or, as the case may be, of provision of inadequate professional services”,
 - (b) in paragraph 16, omit sub-paragraphs (f) and (g), and
 - (c) in paragraph 23, omit “, 42A(7)”.
- (20) In the side-note to section 62A, omit “38,”.

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<i>Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40)</i>
2 In the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, omit section 33.

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SCHEDULE 21 **E+W+S**

Section 208

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

SCHEDULE 22 **E+W+S**

Section 209

TRANSITIONAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISION

Transitory power to modify the functions of bodies

- 1 (1) Paragraphs 2 to 4 have effect until such time as the Board is first constituted in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 1.
- (2) Where an order under paragraph 2 has effect immediately before that time, it is to be treated from that time as if it were an order made by the Lord Chancellor under section 69 (and in accordance with that section and section 70).
- (3) Where that order is made by virtue of paragraph 4, the reference in sub-paragraph (2) to section 69 is a reference to that section as modified by section 180.
- 2 (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order modify, or make any other provision relating to, the functions of a designated regulator or any other body.
- (2) For this purpose “designated regulator” means—
 - (a) The Law Society;
 - (b) The General Council of the Bar;
 - (c) The Master of the Faculties;
 - (d) The Institute of Legal Executives;
 - (e) The Council for Licensed Conveyancers;
 - (f) The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys;
 - (g) The Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys;
 - (h) The Association of Law Costs Draftsmen;
 - (i) any other body which is a body to which sub-paragraph (3) applies.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies to—
 - (a) a body designated as an authorised body for the purposes of section 27 or 28 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (rights of audience and rights to conduct litigation);

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- (b) a body approved under Schedule 9 to that Act (approval of body to grant exemption from prohibition on preparation of probate papers etc);
 - (c) a body prescribed by regulations under section 113 of that Act (administration of oaths and taking of affidavits).
- (4) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under sub-paragraph (1) only if—
- (a) the body to which the order relates has made a recommendation under this paragraph to which was annexed a draft order, and
 - (b) the body to which the order relates consents to the order which is made.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under this paragraph only for the purpose of enabling the body to which it relates to do one or more of the following—
- (a) to become a body within sub-paragraph (3);
 - (b) to grant its members rights for the purposes of section 27 or 28 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, to exempt its members for the purposes of section 55 of that Act or to authorise its members for the purposes of section 113 of that Act;
 - (c) if it is or becomes a designated regulator, to regulate its members more effectively or efficiently;
 - (d) if it is or becomes a designated regulator, to expand the categories of persons who are eligible to be members of the body;
 - (e) to do any of the things mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e) of section 69(3) at a time after paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 comes into force.
- (6) An order under this paragraph may make provision in relation to the body to which the order relates, and members of that body, corresponding to the provision which by virtue of subsection (4) or (5) of section 69 may be made by an order under that section in relation to an approved regulator and persons authorised by that regulator to carry on reserved legal activities or to provide immigration advice or immigration services.
- (7) Any provision made by an order under this paragraph may be expressed to be conditional upon—
- (a) the coming into force of paragraph 1 of Schedule 4;
 - (b) the body to which the order relates being designated by an order under Part 2 of that Schedule as an approved regulator, or by an order under Part 1 of Schedule 10 as a licensing authority, in relation to one or more reserved legal activities specified in the order;
 - (c) the body to which the order relates becoming a designated qualifying regulator under section 86A of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33).
- (8) An order under this paragraph may modify provisions made by or under any enactment (including this Act or any Act passed after this Act), prerogative instrument or other instrument or document.
- (9) The powers to make an order conferred by this paragraph are without prejudice to any powers (statutory or non-statutory) which a designated regulator or other body may have apart from this section.
- (10) In this paragraph “member” in relation to a body includes any person who is not a member of the body but who may be subject to disciplinary sanctions for failure to comply with any of its rules.

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- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where a body makes a recommendation under paragraph 2.
 - (2) The Lord Chancellor must publish a document containing—
 - (a) the recommendation, and
 - (b) the draft order annexed to it.
 - (3) The document must be accompanied by a notice which states that representations about it may be made to the Lord Chancellor within a specified period.
 - (4) The Lord Chancellor must give a copy of the document to the Office of Fair Trading and the Lord Chief Justice, and invite each of them to provide advice on it within that period.
 - (5) The Lord Chancellor may give a copy of the document to the Legal Services Consultative Panel or any other person, and invite them to provide advice on it within that period.
 - (6) The Lord Chancellor must have regard to any representations and advice duly given.
 - (7) If the order which the Lord Chancellor proposes to make differs from the draft order published under sub-paragraph (2), the Lord Chancellor must, before making the order, publish the revised draft order along with a statement detailing the changes made and the reasons for those changes.
- 4 Paragraphs 2 and 3 apply in relation to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal as they apply in relation to a designated regulator, but as if in paragraph 2—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (4)(a) the reference to the body to which the order relates were a reference to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal or the Law Society, and
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (5) of that paragraph there were substituted—
 - “(5) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under this paragraph only for the purpose of enabling the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal to carry out its role more effectively or efficiently.”, and
 - (c) sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) of that paragraph were omitted.

Approved regulators

- 5 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where during the pre-commencement period—
- (a) an Order in Council is made designating a body as an authorised body for the purposes of section 27 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (rights of audience) and that body's qualification regulations and rules of conduct (within the meaning of that section) have been approved for the purposes of that section,
 - (b) an Order in Council is made designating a body as an authorised body for the purposes of section 28 of that Act (right to conduct litigation) and that body's qualification regulations and rules of conduct (within the meaning of that section) have been approved for the purposes of that section,
 - (c) an order is made under paragraph 4 of Schedule 9 to that Act (approval of body to grant exemption from prohibition on preparation of probate papers etc), or
 - (d) regulations are made prescribing a body for the purposes of section 113 of that Act (administration of oaths and taking of affidavits).

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- (2) The Lord Chancellor may by order modify the Table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 (existing regulators) so as—
 - (a) to insert, in the first column, a reference to the body and, in the second column, a reference to the relevant activities, or
 - (b) if the body is already listed in the first column, to add a reference to the relevant activities to the corresponding entry in the second column.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies where during the pre-commencement period—
 - (a) an Order in Council is made revoking the designation of a body as an authorised body for the purposes of section 27 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990,
 - (b) an Order in Council is made revoking the designation of a body as an authorised body for the purposes of section 28 of that Act,
 - (c) an order is made under paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to that Act revoking a body's approval, or
 - (d) regulations prescribing a body for the purposes of section 113 of that Act are revoked.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor may by order modify the Table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 so as to—
 - (a) remove any reference to the relevant activities from the entry in the second column of that Table corresponding to the entry for the body in the first column, and
 - (b) if there are no other activities in that entry in the second column, remove the reference to the body from the first column of that Table.
- (5) An order under sub-paragraph (2) in relation to a body may—
 - (a) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b), modify Part 1 of Schedule 5 (authorised persons: continuity of rights) so as to ensure the continuity of any authority given by the body to a person to exercise rights of audience or, as the case may be, to conduct litigation;
 - (b) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(c), modify Part 1 of that Schedule (authorised persons: continuity of rights) to provide for exemptions granted by a body by virtue of section 55 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) (persons exempt from prohibition on preparation of probate papers etc) which have effect immediately before paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 comes into force to be deemed to be authorisations to carry on probate activities granted by that body at the time that paragraph comes into force;
 - (c) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(d), modify Part 2 of Schedule 5, to provide during the transitional period for members of the body to be deemed to be authorised by the body to carry on the administration of oaths.
- (6) An order under sub-paragraph (4) in relation to a body may—
 - (a) in a case within sub-paragraph (3)(a) or (b), modify Part 1 of Schedule 5 (authorised persons: continuity of rights) so as to remove provision made to ensure the continuity of any authority given by the body to a person to exercise rights of audience or, as the case may be, to conduct litigation;
 - (b) in a case within sub-paragraph (3)(c), modify Part 1 of that Schedule so as to remove any provision deeming persons to have been authorised by the body to carry on probate activities;

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- (c) in a case within sub-paragraph (3)(d), modify Part 2 of that Schedule so as to remove any provision deeming persons to have been authorised by the body to carry on the administration of oaths.
- (7) No order under this paragraph may be made after the end of the pre-commencement period.
- (8) In this paragraph—
- “pre-commencement period” means the period before the coming into force of paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 (including any period before the passing of this Act);
 - “relevant activities” means—
 - (a) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (3)(a), the exercise of a right of audience;
 - (b) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (3)(b), the conduct of litigation;
 - (c) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(c) or (3)(c), probate activities;
 - (d) in a case within sub-paragraph (1)(d) or (3)(d), the administration of oaths;
 - “the transitional period” has the meaning given by paragraph 3 of Schedule 5.

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Licensed Conveyancers

- 6 (1) In this paragraph the transitional period means the period which—
- (a) begins with the day on which paragraph 29 of Schedule 17 (which amends Schedule 3 to the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61)) comes into force, and
 - (b) ends with the day on which members of the new Council are first appointed in accordance with a scheme approved by the Legal Services Board under Schedule 3 to that Act (as amended by that paragraph).
- (2) During the transitional period, the Council for Licensed Conveyancers is to be constituted in accordance with Schedule 3 to that Act as it had effect immediately before paragraph 29 of Schedule 17 came into force.
- (3) The term of office of persons who are members of the Council for Licensed Conveyancers by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) immediately before the end of the transitional period ends at the same time as the transitional period.
- 7 (1) This paragraph applies to any licence issued by the Council for Licensed Conveyancers under section 15 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) which—
- (a) is endorsed under section 15(7) of that Act, and
 - (b) is in force when paragraph 4(4) of Schedule 17 (which repeals subsections (7) and (8) of section 15 of that Act (endorsement of licences)) comes into force.
- (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of those subsections, until the licence expires—
- (a) the licence continues to have effect in accordance with the endorsement, and

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- 8 (b) rules made under section 15(8) of that Act continue to have effect in relation to the licence.
- Until the repeal of paragraphs 17 and 19 of Schedule 8 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) by Schedule 23 to this Act comes into force, those paragraphs have effect as if—
- (a) in paragraph 17 (inadequate professional services: failure to comply with direction), after sub-paragraph (2) there were inserted—
- “(3) In relation to proceedings before the Discipline and Appeals Committee in respect of such a complaint, the Committee may make such order as they consider fit as to the payment of costs by—
- (a) the Council;
- (b) the licensed conveyancer against whom the complaint was made;
- (c) if the person on whose complaint the proceedings were brought was heard (in person, or through a representative) by the Committee in the course of the proceedings, that person.”, and
- (b) paragraph 19(b) (inadequate professional services: costs) were omitted.

Exercise of Board's functions pending appointment of Chief Executive

- 9 (1) Until the first Chief Executive of the Board is appointed under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1, the Board's functions under—
- (a) Schedule 1,
- (b) Schedule 15, and
- (c) paragraph 10(8) of this Schedule,
- may be exercised by the ordinary members of the Board.
- (2) For that purpose “ordinary member” has the same meaning as in Schedule 1.

Commencement Information

I185 Sch. 22 para. 9 partly in force; Sch. 22 para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 22 para. 9 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(m)(ii)

PROSPECTIVE

Interim Chief Executive of the OLC

- 10 (1) The Lord Chancellor may appoint a person as the Interim Chief Executive of the OLC.
- (2) The Interim Chief Executive is to be—
- (a) appointed on terms and conditions determined by the Lord Chancellor, and
- (b) paid by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with provision made by or under the terms of appointment.

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- (3) Appointment as the Interim Chief Executive does not confer the status of Crown servant.
- (4) In this paragraph—
 - “the first interim period” means the period which—
 - (a) begins when sub-paragraph (5) comes into force, and
 - (b) ends when the chairman of the Board, and at least 7 other ordinary members of the Board (within the meaning of Schedule 1), have been appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;
 - “the second interim period” means the period which—
 - (a) begins when the chairman of the Board, and at least 7 other ordinary members of the Board (within the meaning of Schedule 1), have been appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, and
 - (b) ends when the membership of the OLC is first constituted in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 15.
- (5) The Interim Chief Executive may incur expenditure and do other things in the name of and on behalf of the OLC—
 - (a) from the beginning of the first interim period, and
 - (b) after that time until the OLC determines otherwise.
- (6) The things which may be done under sub-paragraph (5)—
 - (a) include the appointment of staff under paragraph 13 of Schedule 15 and making arrangements for assistance under paragraph 18 of that Schedule, but
 - (b) do not include the appointment of an ombudsman under section 122 or the making of scheme rules.
- (7) During the first interim period, the Interim Chief Executive must comply with any supervisory directions given by the Lord Chancellor.
- (8) During the second interim period, the Interim Chief Executive must comply with any supervisory directions given by the Board.
- (9) The supervisory directions are—
 - (a) a direction requiring the Interim Chief Executive to provide the person giving the direction with a report on, or information relating to, such matters as are specified in the direction;
 - (b) a direction requiring the Interim Chief Executive to obtain the approval of the person giving the direction before incurring expenditure in such circumstances as are specified in the direction;
 - (c) any other direction relating to the exercise of the Interim Chief Executive's functions which the person giving the direction considers appropriate.
- (10) Paragraph 34 of Schedule 15 (exemption from liability in damages) applies to the Interim Chief Executive as it applies to a member of the OLC.

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1 Solicitors

- 11 (1) Until such time as section 59(1) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) comes into force, the reference in section 207(1), in the definition of “solicitor”, to the Senior Courts is to be read as a reference to the Supreme Court.
- (2) Until such time as section 59(2) of that Act (renaming of Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland as Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland) comes into force, the references in sections 8(5) and 190(5)(e), paragraph 2(4)(f) of Schedule 1, paragraphs 1(9) and 2(5) of Schedule 3 and paragraph 2(3)(e) of Schedule 15 to the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland are to be read as references to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

I186 Sch. 22 para. 11 partly in force; Sch. 22 para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 22 para. 11(1) in force at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(e)

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Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47)

PROSPECTIVE

- 12 (1) During the transitional period, the reference to an authorised person in section 1A(d) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (practising certificates: employed solicitors) is to be read as a reference to a person listed in paragraph 15(1), other than a person listed in paragraph (b) or (c) of that paragraph.
- (2) For this purpose “the transitional period” means the period which—
- (a) begins with the day on which section 1A(d) of the Solicitors Act 1974 (as inserted by Schedule 16) comes into force, and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on a reserved legal activity).
- 13 (1) During the transitional period, section 44B of the Solicitors Act 1974 (provision of information and documents by solicitors etc) has effect as if the list of persons in subsection (2) of that section included a legal partnership (within the meaning of paragraph 7 of Schedule 5).
- (2) For this purpose “the transitional period” means the period which—
- (a) begins with the day on which section 44B of the Solicitors Act 1974 (as substituted by Schedule 16) comes into force, and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on a reserved legal activity).

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- 14 (1) During the transitional period, section 69 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (action to recover solicitor's costs) has effect as if—
- (a) after subsection (2A)(a) of that section there were inserted—
 - “(aa) in a case where the costs are due to a firm, signed by a partner of the firm, either in his own name or in the name of the firm, or on his behalf by any employee of the firm authorised by him to sign, or”, and
 - (b) in subsection (2A)(b), after “paragraph (a)” there were inserted “ or (aa) ”.
- (2) For this purpose “the transitional period” means the period which—
- (a) begins with the day on which subsections (2) to (2F) of that section (as substituted by Schedule 16) come into force, and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on a reserved legal activity).
- (3) This paragraph does not apply in relation to section 69 of the Solicitors Act 1974 as it has effect by virtue of paragraph 29 of Schedule 2 to the Administration of Justice Act 1985.

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Recognised bodies

- 15 (1) During the transitional period, any reference in sections 9, 9A or 32A of, or Schedule 2 or 6 to, the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) (recognition of legal services bodies and conveyancing services bodies) to an authorised person is to be read as a reference to—
- (a) a person who has in force a certificate issued by the General Council of the Bar authorising the person to practise as a barrister,
 - (b) a person who is qualified under section 1 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) to act as a solicitor,
 - (c) a recognised body under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985,
 - (d) a registered European lawyer (within the meaning of the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1119)),
 - (e) a person who has in force a certificate issued by the Institute of Legal Executives authorising the person to practise as a legal executive,
 - (f) licensed conveyancers (within the meaning of section 11(2) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985),
 - (g) a recognised body under section 32 of that Act,
 - (h) a duly certificated notary (within the meaning of paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 5),
 - (i) a person who (having regard to section 15) carries on notarial activities through an employee or manager of the person who is within paragraph (h),
 - (j) a registered patent attorney within the meaning given by section 275(1) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48),
 - (k) a patent attorney body (within the meaning of paragraph 14(7) of Schedule 5),

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- (l) a registered trade mark attorney within the meaning of the Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26),
 - (m) a trade mark attorney body (within the meaning of paragraph 16(7) of Schedule 5),
 - (n) an authorised member of the Association of Law Costs Draftsmen (within the meaning of paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 5), or
 - (o) a person who (having regard to section 15) carries on an activity which is a reserved legal activity within paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 5 through an employee or manager of the person who is within paragraph (n).
- (2) After the end of the transitional period, any reference in section 9, 9A or 32A of, or Schedule 2 or 6 to, the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61) to an authorised person includes a person who is an exempt person—
- (a) by virtue of paragraph 13 of Schedule 5, in relation to the carrying on of an activity which is a notarial activity, or
 - (b) by virtue of paragraph 18 of that Schedule, in relation to the carrying on of an activity which is a reserved legal activity within sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.
- (3) For this purpose “the transitional period” means the period which—
- (a) begins with the day on which sections 9, 9A, 32 and 32A of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 (as amended and substituted by Schedules 16 and 17) come into force, and
 - (b) ends with the day appointed for the coming into force of section 13 (entitlement to carry on a reserved legal activity).

Commencement Information

I187 Sch. 22 para. 15 wholly in force at 31.3.2009 see s. 211 and S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(c)(i) (subject to art. 5)

- 16 (1) During the transitional period (within the meaning of paragraph 15), the Law Society may make rules to which this sub-paragraph applies only with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor (as well as the Master of the Rolls).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to —
- (a) rules made under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985 by virtue of subsections (1A), (1C), (2F), (2G) or (2I) of that section or section 9A of that Act, and
 - (b) any other rules made under section 9 of that Act, in so far as they apply in relation to bodies which have one or more managers who are not legally qualified (within the meaning of section 9A of that Act), or managers or employees of such bodies.
- 17 (1) During the relevant period, the legal professional privilege provisions apply to a body which—
- (a) is recognised under section 9 of the 1985 Act, and
 - (b) has one or more managers who are not legally qualified (within the meaning of section 9A of that Act),
- as if the body were a licensed body.

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- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies whether or not the legal professional privilege provisions have been brought into force for other purposes.
- (3) The relevant period is the period which—
 - (a) begins when section 9A of the 1985 Act comes into force, and
 - (b) ends when paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 ceases to apply in relation to the body.
- (4) The legal professional privilege provisions are—
 - (a) paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 2 to the 1985 Act (as inserted by Schedule 16 to this Act), and
 - (b) section 190(3) to (7) of this Act.
- (5) During the transitional period (within the meaning of paragraph 15), section 190(5) (h) (as it applies by virtue of this paragraph) applies as if for “an authorised person in relation to an activity which is a reserved legal activity” there were substituted “within paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 22”.
- (6) “The 1985 Act” means the Administration of Justice Act 1985.

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Functions transferred to the Lord Chancellor

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- (1) This paragraph applies where, by virtue of an amendment made to an enactment by this Act, a function of the Secretary of State is transferred to the Lord Chancellor.
 - (2) In this paragraph such a function is referred to as a “transferred function”.
 - (3) Any subordinate legislation made by the Secretary of State in exercise of a transferred function is to have effect as if made or done by the Lord Chancellor.
 - (4) So far as is appropriate in consequence of the transfer, anything else done by the Secretary of State in exercise of a transferred function is to be treated as if done by the Lord Chancellor.

SCHEDULE 23 **E+W+S**

Section 210

REPEALS

Commencement Information

I188 Sch. 23 partly in force: Sch. 23 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; Sch. 23 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 2(n); Sch. 23 in force for certain further purposes at 30.6.2008 and 1.10.2008 by S.I. 2008/1436, arts. 2(g), 3(c); Sch. 23 in force for certain further purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 2(f); Sch. 23 in force for certain further purposes at 1.7.2009 by S.I. 2009/1365, art. 2(c); Sch. 23 in force for certain further purposes at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(h) (subject to art. 6 and with art. 9)

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Short title and chapter	Extent of repeal
Public Notaries Act 1801 (c. 79)	In section 1, “, or use and exercise the office of a notary, or do any notarial act,”. In section 14, from “proctor” to “any other”.
Public Notaries Act 1843 (c. 90)	Section 10.
Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889 (c. 10)	In section 1(3), from “in which” (in the first place) to “solicitor, or”.
Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)	In section 49(11), the definition of “legal representative”.
Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51)	In Schedule 1, “The Legal Services Ombudsman.”
Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)	In Schedule 2, “Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board.” and “The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.”
Superannuation Act 1972 (c. 11)	In Schedule 1, “Employment by the Legal Services Ombudsman” and “The office of the Legal Services Ombudsman”.
Poisons Act 1972 (c. 66)	In section 9(7), “notwithstanding that he is not of counsel or a solicitor”.
Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47)	In section 1A— (a) “or” at the end of paragraph (b), and (b) in paragraph (c) “by the Council of the Law Society”. In section 2— (a) in subsection (1), “, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls,”, (b) in subsection (3)(a)(i), “, whether by service under articles or otherwise,”, (c) in subsection (3)(a)(v), “articles may be discharged or”, and (d) subsections (4) and (5). Section 6(2) to (4). Section 8(5). Section 12. Section 12A. Section 14. In section 17(1) and (2), “in the London Gazette”. Section 19. Sections 22 to 23. In section 26, “, 22 or 23”. Section 27. In section 28— (a) in subsection (1), “, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Lord Chief Justice,”,

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- (b) in subsection (1)(c), “and applications for them”,
- (c) subsections (2) and (3),
- (d) in subsection (3A), the “and” at the end of paragraph (b), and
- (e) subsections (4) and (5).

In section 31—

- (a) in subsection (1) “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”, and
- (b) subsections (3) and (4).

In section 32(1)—

- (a) “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”, and
- (b) from “and the rules” to the end.

Section 32(2).

In section 32(4) “or (2)”.

Section 32(6).

In section 33(2), “and the rules” to the end.

In section 33A(1) “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”.

Section 34(7) and (8).

Section 37A.

Section 40.

Section 41(5).

In section 43(5)—

- (a) “by any solicitor”, and
- (b) from “but” to the end.

Section 46(6) to (8).

In section 46(9) “, with the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls,”.

In section 47—

- (a) in subsection (2)(c), “not exceeding £5,000”, and
- (b) subsections (4) and (5).

In section 48(2)(b) “in the London Gazette”.

In section 49(4) “and the Master of the Rolls”.

Section 49(7).

Section 70(11).

Sections 76 to 78.

Section 80(2).

Sections 81 and 81A.

In section 87(1) the definitions of—

- (a) “articles”,
- (b) “controlled trust”,
- (c) “duly certificated notary public”,
- (d) “employee”,
- (e) “indemnity conditions”,
- (f) “replacement date”, and
- (g) “training conditions”.

Section 89(7).

In Schedule 1—

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	(a) in paragraph 1(1)(h), “sole”, and (b) paragraph 1(2). Schedule 1A. Schedule 2. In Schedule 3, paragraph 9.
House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)	In Part 2 of Schedule 1, “The Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board.” In Part 3 of Schedule 1, “The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.” and “The Legal Services Ombudsman.”
Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)	In Part 2 of Schedule 1, “The Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board.” In Part 3 of Schedule 1, “The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.” and “The Legal Services Ombudsman.”
Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)	In Schedule 1A, in Part 2, “The Legal Services Consultative Panel.”
Patents Act 1977 (c. 37)	Section 102A.
Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 46)	Section 3A(5)(a) and (ad). Section 15(2)(j). In section 20(2) “, 53A(2)(ba)”. Section 24C(2)(i). Section 34(4), (4C) and (4D). Sections 38, 39, 42A and 42B. In section 42C(1)— (a) paragraphs (a) and (c), (b) “to the solicitor or his firm or”, and (c) “or, where” to the end. In section 42C(2)(a) and (b) “solicitor, firm or” (in each place). In section 42C(3)— (a) in paragraph (a) “the solicitor or his firm or, as the case may be,” and (b) in paragraph (b) from “of which the solicitor” to “be.” In section 42C(4) “38,” (in each place). Section 42C(5). In section 51(2)— (a) “a solicitor may have been guilty” to “Fund) or”, and (b) “or a solicitor” to “services”. Section 51(2A). In section 52(2)(aa) “42A(7) or”. Section 53(3), (10) and (11). Sections 53A, 53B and 53C. Section 54(1), (2B) and (2C). Section 55(8). Section 56A. In section 62A(1) and (2) “38,” (in each place).

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- Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)
- County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28)
- Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (c. 23)
- Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61)
- In section 65—
- (a) in subsection (1), the definition of “inadequate professional services”, and
 - (b) subsection (5).
- In Schedule 3, in Part 2, in paragraph 5(1), (2) and (3) “38,” (in each place).
- In Schedule 4, in Part 2—
- (a) in paragraph 9(a) and (b) “or, as the case may be, of provision of inadequate professional services” (in each place),
 - (b) paragraph 16(f) and (g), and
 - (c) in paragraph 23 “, 42A(7)”.
- In the side-note to section 62A “38,”.
- In Schedule 4, paragraph 38(a).
- In Schedule 2, paragraph 49.
- Section 4(6).
- Section 2.
- Section 4.
- Sections 6 and 7.
- In section 9—
- (a) in subsection (1)(c) “corporate”,
 - (b) subsection (4),
 - (c) in subsection (5) “corporate”,
 - (d) in subsection (8) the definition of “officer”, and in the definition of “recognised body”, “corporate”, and
 - (e) subsection (9).
- In section 10—
- (a) in subsection (1) “corporate” (in both places), and
 - (b) in subsection (2) “corporate”.
- Section 11(4).
- Section 12(2).
- Section 15(7) and (8).
- In section 20(1) “, in pursuance of its general duty referred to in section 12(2),”.
- In section 22(3)(a) “qualified”.
- In section 24—
- (a) in subsection (1), paragraph (b) and the “or” immediately preceding it,
 - (b) in that subsection the words from “with a view” to the end,
 - (c) subsection (2),
 - (d) in subsection (3), “or (2)”, “or complaint” (in both places) and “or paragraph (b)”, and
 - (e) in subsection (5), “or complaint” (in both places).
- Section 26(2)(g), (5) and (6).
- In section 29(1), “or” at the end of paragraph (b).

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In section 31—

- (a) in subsection (2), “or complaint” (in each place) and “or paragraph (b)”, and
- (b) in subsection (4), “or complaint”.

In section 32—

- (a) in subsection (2) “corporate”,
- (b) subsection (3)(d),
- (c) in subsection (3)(e) “corporate”,
- (d) subsections (4) and (5), and
- (e) in subsection (6)(a) “corporate”.

Section 34(2)(c) to (e).

In section 35(2), “corporate”.

Section 38(1).

In section 39(1)—

- (a) in the definition of “client”, in paragraph (a) “or his firm”,
- (b) the definitions of “director” and “officer”, and
- (c) in the definition of “recognised body”, “corporate”.

In Schedule 1 paragraphs 5, 8(3), 9 and 14.

In Schedule 2—

- (a) in paragraph 1(1) “corporate”,
- (b) in paragraph 1(2)—
 - (i) paragraph (b) and the “or” immediately preceding it,
 - (ii) “corporate”, and
- (iii) “or application”,
- (d) paragraph 1(3),
- (e) in paragraph 1(4) from “, and for those purposes” to the end,
- (f) paragraph 4(2),
- (g) paragraphs 11, 12 and 13,
- (h) in paragraph 16(1), in paragraph (a) “in the United Kingdom”,
- (i) in paragraph 17(a) “11(1), 15(2) or” and “13(3) or”,
- (j) paragraph 18(1)(d) and the “or” immediately preceding it,
- (k) in paragraph 18(2) “not exceeding £3,000”,
- (l) paragraph 18(3) and (4),
- (m) paragraph 20(2),
- (n) in paragraph 31 “or (2)”,
- (o) paragraph 32(2),
- (p) in paragraph 34(1), “corporate” (in both places), and
- (q) in paragraph 35, in paragraph (a) “corporate” and the “and” at the end of paragraph (b).

In Schedule 3, paragraphs 2(3) and 3.

In Schedule 4, paragraphs 1(3) and (4) and 3.

In Schedule 5, paragraph 1(2).

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	<p>In Schedule 6—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) in paragraph 1 “corporate” (in both places), and in sub-paragraph (2) “or complaint” (in both places) and “or (b)”,(b) in paragraph 3(1), in paragraph (a)(i) “by any court in the United Kingdom”, paragraph (b), and from “with a view” to the end,(c) paragraph 3(2),(d) paragraph 4(2)(c),(e) paragraph 4(3), (3A) and (4),(f) in paragraph 7(1) and (2) “corporate”,(g) in paragraph 8(1), “corporate”,(h) paragraph 9(2),(i) paragraph 10(2),(j) in paragraph 12(1), “corporate” (in both places),(k) in paragraph 13, in paragraph (a) “corporate”, and the “and” at the end of paragraph (b),(l) paragraph 15. <p>In Schedule 9, paragraphs 2, 4 and 6.</p>
Insolvency Act 1985 (c. 65)	In Schedule 8, paragraph 25.
Social Security Act 1986 (c. 50)	In section 56(1), “although not a barrister or solicitor”.
Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53)	In Schedule 18, paragraph 11(2) and (3).
Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)	Section 279. In section 280— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) in subsection (3) “or” at the end of paragraph (b), and(b) subsection (4). Section 292.
Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989 (c. 34)	In Schedule 1, paragraph 8.
Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40)	Section 33.
Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)	Sections 17, 18 and 18A. Sections 21 to 29. Sections 31 and 31A. Sections 34 to 52. In section 53— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) subsection (5), and(b) subsection (9)(e). Sections 54 and 55. Section 63. Sections 68 to 70. Section 73(5)(d). Section 86 to 88.

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Section 90.

Section 93.

Section 94(1) and (2).

Section 96.

Section 113.

In section 119(1), the definitions of—

- (a) “authorised advocate”,
- (b) “authorised body” and “appropriate authorised body”,
- (c) “authorised litigator”,
- (d) “authorised practitioner”,
- (e) “Consultative Panel”,
- (f) “duly certificated notary public”,
- (g) “the general principle”,
- (h) “qualified person”, and
- (i) “the statutory objective”.

In section 120—

- (a) in subsection (4), “26(1), 37(10), 40(1)”, and from “paragraph 24” to “Schedule 9”, and
- (b) subsection (5).

Schedules 3 to 7.

In Schedule 8, paragraphs 7, 11, 13 to 20, 21(1)(b) and 23.

Schedule 9.

In Schedule 10, paragraph 64.

In Schedule 14—

- (a) in paragraph 1, the definitions of “controlled trust” and “the Council”,
- (b) paragraph 2(3) and (5),
- (c) in paragraph 5—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) and (b), “by virtue of his being a member of that partnership”, and
 - (ii) sub-paragraph (4),
- (c) paragraph 14(2),
- (d) in paragraph 14(3) “to him”,
- (e) in paragraph 15, in sub-paragraph (4) (c) “not exceeding £5,000”, and sub-paragraph (5),
- (f) in paragraph 17(2), “and the Master of the Rolls”, and
- (g) paragraph 17(4).

Schedule 15.

In Schedule 17, paragraphs 4, 8, 10 and 20.

In Schedule 18—

- (a) in paragraph 1(1), ““The Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board”” and ““The Conveyancing Ombudsman””,
- (b) paragraph 1(2), and
- (c) paragraphs 9 to 12, 18, 20 and 56.

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Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43)	In section 114(4), “, although not of counsel or a solicitor,”.
Friendly Societies Act 1992 (c. 40)	In Schedule 21, paragraph 5.
Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52)	In section 194(2), “, although not of counsel or a solicitor,”.
Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1993 (c. 50)	In Schedule 2, paragraph 3.
Trade Marks Act 1994 (c. 26)	Section 85. In Schedule 4, paragraph 5.
Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 (c. 8)	Section 35.
Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)	In section 54, “although not of counsel or a solicitor”.
Bank of England Act 1998 (c. 11)	Section 41(4). In Schedule 5, paragraph 67.
National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (c. 39)	Section 33(1)(a).
Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22)	Sections 35(2) to (4), 36, 37 and 40 to 42. In section 44(1), “is employed by”. In section 46— (a) subsection (2)(b) and the word “but” immediately preceding it, and (b) subsections (3) to (6). Section 47. Sections 49 to 52. In Schedule 4, paragraph 46. Schedule 5. In Schedule 6, paragraphs 1 to 3, 5 to 8 and 11. In Schedule 7, paragraphs 7(2)(a) and 10 to 12. Schedule 8. In Schedule 14, paragraph 14.
Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33)	In section 86— (a) subsections (1)(a), (d) and (e), (b) subsection (4)(b), (c) in subsection 5(a), “England and Wales or”, and (d) subsection (6)(a). In Schedule 5— (a) paragraph 3(6)(b), (b) paragraph 4(2)(b), (c) in paragraph 4(3)(a) “England and Wales or”, and (d) paragraph 4(4)(a).
Trustee Act 2000 (c. 29)	In Schedule 2, paragraph 37.
Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)	In Part 6 of Schedule 1— (a) “The Authorised Conveyancing Practitioners Board.”,

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	(b) “The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.”, (c) “The Legal Services Consultative Panel.”, and (d) “The Legal Services Ombudsman.”
Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40)	In Schedule 25, paragraph 23(2) to (6) and (10).
Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35)	In Schedule 4, paragraph 21.
Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4)	In Schedule 4, paragraphs 92 and 202. In Schedule 11, paragraphs 1(2), 21(3) and 23(2) and (3).
Mental Capacity Act 2005 (c. 9)	In Schedule 6, paragraph 22(2).
Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15)	In Part 3 of Schedule 7, paragraph 42(2).
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16)	In section 12(2) “even though he is not a barrister or solicitor”.
Compensation Act 2006 (c. 29)	Section 5(3), (4)(c) and (5). Section 15(6).
National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41)	In section 194(4), “, although he is not a barrister or solicitor,”.
National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42)	In section 142(4), “, although he is not a barrister or solicitor,”.
Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 5)	Section 77.

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