

*These notes refer to the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 11th April 2016*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 13: Jurisdiction of the Complaints Committees***

Section 13 broadly defines what types of person are eligible to bring complaints to the Bar Complaints Committee and who may be the subject of a complaint.

*Subsection (1)* provides that a complaint will fall within the jurisdiction of the Complaints Committee if it is not excluded under section 14 (because the respondent's in-house procedures have not been used) or if the complainant falls within section 15 and wishes to have the complaint dealt with by the Bar Complaints Committee.

*Subsection (2)* provides that the right of a person to make a complaint and for the Bar Complaints Committee to investigate may not be limited or excluded by any contract term.