

*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 15: Complainants***

Section 15 sets out further conditions relating to the eligibility of a complainant to have a complaint handled by the Bar Complaints Committee. The scheme is designed in the first instance for use by individual complainants (and the provisions of the Interpretation Act (NI) 1954 would extend this to include individuals) although the relevant stakeholders can examine further classes of complainant and recommend those groups are included in the scheme. *Subsection (2)(b)* provides scope for the Department to include in the future additional classes of complainant, based on recommendations by the Complaints Committee and/or the LSOC.