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PROSPECTIVE

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 4

#### MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

##### *The Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (NI 12)*

- 2.—(1) In Article 3(2) (interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—  
“the Legal Services Oversight Commissioner” means the Legal Services Oversight Commissioner for Northern Ireland;”.
- (2) In Article 38(a) (solicitors guilty of undue delay in certain matters), omit the words “or Article 51A”.
- (3) Omit Article 41A (power of Council to impose sanctions for inadequate professional services) and the cross-heading immediately preceding that Article.
- (4) In Article 41B (power of Society to examine files in connection with complaints), in paragraph (1), for the words from “to the Society” to “the Society may” substitute “ to the Society alleging professional misconduct by a solicitor, the Society may ”.
- (5) In Article 46 (procedure on application or complaint against solicitor), in paragraphs (1) and (2), omit the words “or a lay observer”.
- (6) In Article 51 (orders of Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal on inquiry)—
- (a) omit paragraph (2);
  - (b) in paragraph (3)—
    - (i) for “Article 41A(8)” substitute “ section 38(9) of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 ”;
    - (ii) for “Article 41A” substitute “ that section ”;
    - (iii) omit the words “or Article 51A”;
  - (c) in paragraph (6), omit the words “, Article 51A”;
  - (d) in paragraph (8), omit the words “, Article 51A”.
- (7) Omit Article 51A (power of Tribunal to impose sanctions for inadequate professional services).
- (8) In Article 52 (effect, etc., of orders), in paragraph (2), omit sub-paragraph (d) and the word “or” preceding that sub-paragraph.

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- (9) In Article 73A (committees of the Council), in paragraph (5), omit “41A or”.
- (10) In Schedule 1A (recognised bodies)—
- (a) in paragraph 1(2)—
    - (i) for the words from “in relation to” to “include references to” substitute “ in relation to a complaint (other than such a complaint as is mentioned in paragraph 19(1)(a)) include references to ”;
    - (ii) omit the words “or application”;
  - (b) in paragraph 14(a) omit the words “or Article 51A”;
  - (c) omit paragraph 16 and the cross-heading immediately preceding it;
  - (d) in paragraph 17(1) for the words from “investigating” to “a recognised body” substitute “ investigating any such complaint as is mentioned in head (b), (c) or (d) of paragraph 19(1) ”;
  - (e) omit paragraph 18 and the cross-heading immediately preceding it;
  - (f) in paragraph 21 (powers of Tribunal)—
    - (i) in sub-paragraph (1)(d) for “Article 41A by virtue of paragraph 16” substitute “ section 38 of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 ”;
    - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3) for “paragraph 16(3) relating to a direction given under Article 41A” substitute “ section 38(9) of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 relating to a direction given under that section ”;
    - (iii) in that sub-paragraph omit the words “or paragraph 22”;
  - (g) omit paragraph 22 (powers of Tribunal in respect of inadequate professional services) and the cross-heading immediately preceding it;
  - (h) in paragraph 25 (effect, notice and recording of orders of Tribunal), in sub-paragraph (1), omit head (b) and the word “or” immediately preceding it.

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