



Solicitors Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 47

PART II

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF SOLICITORS AND CLERKS

Disciplinary proceedings before Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

48 Orders of Tribunal.

- (1) An order of the Tribunal shall be filed with the Society, and a statement of the Tribunal's findings, signed by the chairman or by some other member of the Tribunal authorised by him in that behalf, shall either be prefaced to the order or added to the file containing the order as soon as may be after the order has been made.
- (2) Where an order which has been filed includes provision for any of the matters referred to in paragraphs [^{F1}(a) to (i)] of section 47(2), the Society—
 - (a) shall cause a note of the effect of the order to be entered on the roll against the name of the solicitor [^{F2}or former solicitor] with respect to whom the application or complaint was made; and
 - (b) except where it only makes provision for matters referred to in [^{F3}paragraph (e), [^{F4}(ea),(f), (h) or (i) of section 47(2)], shall forthwith upon filing the order cause a notice stating its effect to be published ^{F5}. . . .
- (3) [^{F6}Any] file kept by the Society under this section may be inspected during office hours without payment.
- (4) An order which has been filed shall be treated, for the purpose of enforcement, as if it had been made by the High Court.
- [^{F7}(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.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** In s. 48(2), “(a) to (i)” substituted for “(a) to (e)” by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 76:1), **s. 92(5)(a)**
- F2** S. 48(2)(a): words inserted by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 76:1), **s. 92(5)(b)**
- F3** S. 48(2)(b): words substituted by Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41, SIF 76:1), **s. 92(5)(c)**
- F4** Words in s. 48(2)(b) inserted (1.7.2009) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 177, 211, **Sch. 16 para. 50(a)(i)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/1365, **art. 2(a)(i)**
- F5** Words in s. 48(2)(b) repealed (7.3.2008) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 177, 210, 211, Sch. 16 para. 50(a)(ii) {Sch. 23} (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2008/222, **art. 2(j)(i)**
- F6** Words in s. 48(3) substituted (31.3.2009) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 177, 211, **Sch. 16 para. 50(b)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(i)**
- F7** S. 48(5) inserted (31.3.2009) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 177, 211, **Sch. 16 para. 50(c)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(i)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 48 extended (22.5.2000) by S.I. 2000/1119, regs. 1, 37(3), Sch. 4 para. 10 (as amended (1.7.2009) by The Legal Services Act 2007 (Registered European Lawyers) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1587), **art. 3(10)**)

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- s. 48(2) words substituted by [1985 c. 61 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 44D(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 207\(1\)](#)