# Solicitors Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 47

### PART II

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF SOLICITORS AND CLERKS

*Disciplinary proceedings before Supreme Court*

**51    Procedure upon certain applications to High Court.**

(1) Where an application to strike the name of a solicitor off the roll or to require a solicitor
to answer allegations contained in an affidavit is made to the High Court, then, subject
to section 54, the following provisions of this section shall have effect in relation to
that application.

(2) The court shall not entertain the application except on production of an affidavit
proving that the applicant has served on the Society fourteen clear days' notice of his
intention to make the application, together with copies of all affidavits intended to be
used in support of the application.

(3) The Society may appear by counsel on the hearing of the application and any other
proceedings arising out of or in reference to the application, and may apply to the
court—

  (a)  to make absolute any order nisi which the court may have made on the
application;

  (b)  to make an order that the name of the solicitor be struck off the roll; or

  (c)  to make such other order as the court may think fit.

(4) The court may order the costs of the Society of or relating to any of the matters
mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) to be paid by the solicitor against whom, or by
the person by whom, the application was made, or was intended to be made, or partly
by one and partly by the other of them.

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**Changes to legislation:**
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Solicitors Act 1974, Section 51.