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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 15

THE OFFICE FOR LEGAL COMPLAINTS

Terms of appointment and tenure of members

- 5 A member of the OLC is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms and conditions of the member's appointment (subject to this Schedule).
- 6 (1) A member of the OLC must be appointed for a fixed period.
- (2) The period for which a member is appointed must not exceed 5 years.
- (3) A person who has held office as a member may be re-appointed once only, for a further period (whether consecutive or not) not exceeding 5 years.

PROSPECTIVE

- 7 If a member of the OLC who is a lay person becomes a person within paragraph (a) to (e) of paragraph 2(3), that person ceases to be a member of the OLC.

- 8 (1) A member may at any time—
- (a) resign from office by giving notice to the Board;
 - (b) be removed from office by the Board.
- (2) The Board may not under sub-paragraph (1)(b) remove a member (including the chairman) from office unless the Board is satisfied that the member—
- (a) has failed without reasonable excuse to discharge the functions of the office for a continuous period of at least 6 months,
 - (b) has been convicted of an offence,
 - (c) is an undischarged bankrupt [^{F1}or is a person in relation to whom a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies (under Part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986)], or
 - (d) is otherwise unfit to hold the office or unable to discharge its functions.
- (3) The chairman may be removed from office under sub-paragraph (1)(b) only with the consent of the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) The Board must consult the chairman before removing a member (other than the chairman) under sub-paragraph (1)(b).
- (5) The Board may not remove an ordinary member on the ground mentioned in paragraph (a) of sub-paragraph (2) more than 3 months after the end of the period mentioned in that paragraph.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 15 para. 8(2)(c) inserted (1.10.2012) by [The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2404\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 61(3)** (with art. 5)

9 The chairman ceases to be chairman upon ceasing to be a member of the OLC.

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