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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1931**

**The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious  
Business) Remuneration Order 2009**

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Order—

“client” means the client of a solicitor;

“costs” means the amount charged in a solicitor’s bill, exclusive of disbursements and value added tax, in respect of non-contentious business;

“entitled person” means a client or an entitled third party;

“entitled third party” means a residuary beneficiary absolutely and immediately (and not contingently) entitled to an inheritance, where a solicitor has charged the estate for his professional costs for acting in the administration of the estate and the only personal representatives are—

- (a) solicitors (whether or not acting in a professional capacity);
- (b) solicitors acting jointly with partners, managers or employees in a professional capacity;
- (c) employees of a solicitor sole practitioner acting in that capacity; or
- (d) managers or employees of a recognised body [<sup>F1</sup>or a licensed body] acting in that capacity;

[<sup>F2</sup>“licensed body” means a body which holds a licence issued by the Law Society which is in force under Part 5 of the Legal Services Act 2007;]

“manager” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007(1) (see section 207 of that Act);

[<sup>F3</sup>“ombudsman” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007 (see section 122(5) of that Act);]

“paid disbursements” means disbursements already paid by the solicitor;

“recognised body” means a body recognised by the Law Society under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985(2);

“registered European lawyer” means a registered European lawyer within the meaning of the European Communities (Lawyer’s Practice) Regulations 2000(3)[<sup>F4</sup>, as those Regulations have effect by virtue of regulation 6 of the Services of Lawyers and Lawyer’s Practice (Revocation etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020,] who is registered with the Law Society;

“residuary beneficiary” includes a person entitled to all or part of the residue of an intestate estate; and

“solicitor” includes a registered European lawyer [<sup>F5</sup>, a recognised body and a licensed body].

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(1) 2007 c. 29.

(2) 1985 c. 61, as amended by the Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), section 177 and paragraph 81 of Schedule 16.

(3) S.I. 2000/1119.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration Order 2009, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

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- F1** Words in art. 2 inserted (20.2.2012) by The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/171), arts. 1(2), **2(1)(a)**
- F2** Words in art. 2 inserted (20.2.2012) by The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/171), arts. 1(2), **2(1)(b)**
- F3** Words in art. 2 inserted (6.10.2020) by The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration (Amendment) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2262), arts. 1(2), **2(2)**; S.I. 2010/2089, art. 2(a)
- F4** Words in art. 2 inserted (31.12.2020) by The Services of Lawyers and Lawyer's Practice (Revocation etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1342), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 17** (with Sch. para. 13)
- F5** Words in art. 2 substituted (20.2.2012) by The Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/171), arts. 1(2), **2(1)(c)**

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Art. 2 in force at 11.8.2009, see **art. 1(2)**

**Changes to legislation:**

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