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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 acting in that capacity;

“manager” has the same meaning as in the Legal Services Act 2007<sup>(1)</sup> (see section 207 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<sup>(2)</sup>;

“registered European lawyer” means a registered European lawyer within the meaning of the European Communities (Lawyer’s Practice) Regulations 2000<sup>(3)</sup> 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 and a recognised body.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2007 c. 29.

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

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2000/1119.