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Freedom of Information request

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Request:

Please provide the legislation or rules that require a Process Server many of whom offer their services under the heading of legal services to be registered and certified.

Which body regulates their work and if they are not required to be certificated can you give the reason why not, especially as they are serving court documents?

Response:

I write in response to your email of 8 March in which you requested information about the regulation of process servers.

The information you require is not held by the Legal Services Board (LSB). The LSB is responsible for overseeing the work of the legal regulators in England and Wales. We have no role in relation to 'Process Servers' or the serving of documents.

However I attach for your attention a link to the following page from the Ministry of Justice website which you may find helpful: https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil/rules/part06. Alternatively, you may wish to contact Citizens Advice at: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-rights/.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you have the right to ask for an internal review or to submit a complaint (see LSB's Freedom of information – Complaints procedure:

http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can we help/lsb policies procedures/freedom of information/index.htm.