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Freedom of Information request

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Request:

Can you please give me all recorded information as to whether or not council officers are immune from the Legal Services Act 2007 when carrying out legal activities before the courts including rights of audience.

Is there a requirement that such council officers carrying out legal activities in the courts have to have a solicitors practicing certificate as defined within the Legal Services Act 2007.

Under what circumstances can a judge ignore the Legal Services Act 2007 and grant rights of audience to people who are not certificated to carry on legal activities including rights of audience.

Response:

I write in response to your email of 8 April 2016 in which you have requested information about the extent to which council officials are required to comply with the provisions of the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act). Your correspondence has been considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The LSB does not hold the information you have requested in the three questions that you asked. However, I attach a link to a page on the LSB website providing information on the meaning and scope of the six reserved legal activities set out in section 12 of the Act. I would draw your attention to the notes, set out towards the bottom of the page, on the circumstances in which a person may be exempt from the requirement to be authorised to carry out any of these activities.

http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/faqs/Reserved_Legal_Activities.htm

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/lb_policies_procedures/freedom_of_information/index.htm).