



The Law Society

**Order to be made under section 69(1) of the Legal
Services Act 2007 in relation to the scope of
regulation by the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys**
Response to Legal Services Board consultation

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The Law Society is the representative body for more than 100,000 solicitors in England and Wales. The Society negotiates on behalf of the profession, and lobbies regulators, government and others.

The Law Society welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Legal Service Board's (LSB) Consultation upon the form of the draft Order to be made under section 69(1) of the Legal Services Act 2007 (LSA). The consultation considers whether a draft statutory instrument relating to the regulation of trade mark attorneys should be recommended to the Lord Chancellor under section 69(2) of the LSA 2007.

1. Should the Order be recommended to the Lord Chancellor under section 69(2) of the LSA 2007?

We are satisfied that the Order amends a drafting error in the LSA 2007 which would have resulted in the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys being unable to regulate trade mark attorney work undertaken in other jurisdictions.

We note that correction of this error will ensure that the scope of regulation applying to trade mark attorneys will match that applying to patent attorneys. We are therefore satisfied that the Order be recommended to the Lord Chancellor under section 69(2) of the LSA 2007.

2. Do you have any comments on the Order attached at Annex 1?

No comments.

Regulatory Affairs Unit
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