

**Direction 27 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Bar Standards Board**

1. This is a direction issued pursuant to paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the “**Act**”).
2. Unless stated otherwise, words defined in the Act have the same meaning when used in this direction.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby directs that the following alterations to the regulatory arrangements are exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:
  - (a) Alterations by the Bar Standards Board to the Hearings before the Visitors Rules (2010) as set out below:
    - i. Inclusion of extended definitions that explicitly state that retired judges of the High Court and the Court of Appeal are included in the relevant references to “judges” throughout the Rules
    - ii. Inclusion of Court of Appeal judges as well as High Court Judges in the list of those eligible to sit on appeal panels
    - iii. Removing the restriction on the inclusion of retired judges where an appointed panel is reduced from three to two

A copy of the alterations was submitted to the Board on 16 September 2011.

4. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 23 September 2011

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board**

**23 September 2011**