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Dear Paul

Exemption Direction for the Solicitors Regulation Authority's alterations to regulatory arrangements

On 27 February 2014 we received an exemption direction request from the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) in respect of an alteration to its Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (Crime) (QASA) Regulations.

We have considered the change against our Significance, Impact and Risk framework and consider the alteration to be suitable for exemption from our full approval process. As a result, enclosed is an Exemption Direction in relation to this alteration.

The Exemption Direction is effective from today 4 March 2014 and a copy will be published on our website.

A letter in identical terms has been sent to Charles Plant and I am copying this letter to Mark Stobbs and Elliott Vigar at the Law Society.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kenny', followed by a horizontal line.

Chris Kenny

Chief Executive

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Enclosure

cc Mark Stobbs, Director of Legal Policy, the Law Society (mark.stobbs@lawsociety.org.uk)
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Direction 63 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Solicitors Regulation Authority

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 in this direction are used as they are defined in the Act.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board has directed that the following alterations to regulatory arrangements be treated as exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:

Amendment to SRA Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (Crime) (QASA) Regulations 2013 [2014]. Replacement of registration timetable in regulation 21.2 of QASA Regulations.

4. A copy of the alteration was submitted to the Board on 27 February 2014
5. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 4 March 2014.

For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board
4 March 2014