

Direction 17 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 regulatory arrangements are exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:
 - a) Alterations by the Bar Standards Board to Rule 203.1 of the Bar Code of Conduct to clarify that if a barrister is of less than three years standing and is practising in a dual capacity, a qualified person should be available to supervise them at their principal place of practice in each capacity.
 - b) Alterations by the Bar Standards Board to Rule 401(a) of the Bar Code of Conduct so that a self-employed barrister may supply legal services if instructed by a "Court" ("Court" as defined in Part X of the Bar Code of Conduct).

A copy of the alterations was submitted to the Board on 14 January 2011 and we have received confirmation from the Bar Standards Board that the above summary accurately summarises all of the alterations that they have requested.

4. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 25 January 2011.

For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board

25 January 2011