



The Law Society

The Legal Services Act 2007 - the impact on practice

Two seminars:
The Solicitors' Code of Conduct and associated rules
The Solicitors' Accounts Rules

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Overview

The first stage in the implementation of the provisions of The Legal Services Act 2007 became effective on 31st March 2009 allowing for Legal Disciplinary Practice (LDP). This permits solicitors to practise with (including entering into partnership with) specified non-SRA authorised lawyers and, in limited circumstances, non-lawyers. In addition, on the same date, firm based regulation was introduced meaning that all sole practitioners must be “recognised sole practitioners” and all other practices (partnerships, Limited Liability Partnerships or Companies) must be recognised bodies. These changes have resulted in major amendments to the Solicitors’ Code of Conduct, other associated rules and the Solicitors’ Accounts Rules.

It is vital for all practices to appreciate the impact of these changes. Even if there is no intention to practise as an LDP these amendments will have a significant bearing on all practices.

Aimed at assisting busy practitioners to understand fully these changes, these two seminars will cover such topics as:

Seminar 1: The Solicitors’ Code of Conduct and associated Rules

- What is an LDP?
- What different types of lawyer can be involved in an LDP?
- Can I offer my Finance Director a full equity share in my firm?
- Can I make my non-lawyer spouse a full equity partner?
- Can there be full external ownership of an LDP?
- Can I choose to practise through an LDP regulated by a non-SRA regulator?
- How do I obtain recognised body or recognised sole practitioner status?
- What are the SRA’s new powers:
 - to regulate the setting up of new partnerships and sole practices
 - to apply the Rules directly to all principals and employees (including those who are not solicitors)?

Seminar 2: The Solicitors’ Accounts Rules

- Recent amendments on the treatment of client money at the conclusion of a retainer
- Residual balances left on client ledgers
- The impact of the abolition of controlled trusts
- Who can authorise withdrawals from client account?
- Payments in lieu of interest
- Miscellaneous clarifying amendments
- The application of the Rules directly to all principals and employees (including accounts staff and those employees who are not solicitors)
- Accountant’s Reports
 - New letter of engagement terms
 - New risk-based provisions for the delivery of an accountant’s report
 - New test procedures



Who should attend?

Seminar 1

This seminar is aimed at principals in firms of solicitors and is designed to identify the new compliance requirements as well as identifying opportunities for practices to extend their area of practice, possibly with a view to taking advantage of the introduction of Alternative Business Structures (ABSs) expected to be permitted in 2011.

Seminar 2

This seminar is aimed at principals, accounts staff and accountants involved in SAR reports. It aims to update fully a firm's SAR compliance requirements and identifies the common risk areas for principals and their staff.

Speaker

Professor Peter Camp is a solicitor and is visiting Professor (Chair of Ethics) at The College of Law. He is Principal of Educational & Professional Services which provides training and consultancy services to the solicitors' and accountants' professions.

He is a former member of the Law Society's Editorial Board (which was responsible for the preparation of the Solicitors' Code of Conduct). Amongst his numerous publications are: *Cordery on Solicitors* (where he is responsible for sections on Financial Services and Solicitors' Accounts); and "*Solicitors and the Accounts Rules; a Compliance Handbook*" published by the Law Society in 2006 (2nd edition expected 2009). He is also author of "*Companion to the Solicitors' Code of Conduct*", 2nd edition published by the Law Society in 2009.

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Seminar 1: Code of Conduct

1.00-1.30pm - Registration

1.30-3.30pm - Seminar

Seminar 2: Solicitors Accounts Rules

4.00-4.30pm - Registration

4.30-6.30pm - Seminar

Registration fee

£125 + VAT per seminar = £143.75

Discounted rate for both seminars - £199 + VAT = £228.85 per delegate

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