

CONTRACT AMENDMENT NOTICE

Contract Amendment Notice number:	2 (Two)
Date of Contract Amendment Notice:	12 December 2008
Effective date (date amendment comes into effect):	15 December 2008

Details of amendments to the Contract

Addendum to Very High Cost (Crime) Panel Contract for Panel Advocates

- Clause 4.2 is amended as set out below:

4.2 The CCU does not allocate VHCCs to Panel Members; it is up to clients to nominate their preferred Panel Member (subject to their availability) and for the Panel Member to instruct an Advocate or Advocates (who may also be a Panel Advocate(s)) in accordance with the Representation Order and the terms of the Panel Member's Contract. When instructing Advocates:

- (a) the Panel Member must use all reasonable endeavours to instruct firstly a Panel Advocate and if none available a Panel B Advocate. Contact details for all Panel Advocates will be provided on the VHCC Advocate List which is published on the LSC website at www.legalservices.gov.uk.
- (b) If the Panel Member is unable to instruct a Panel Advocate (including a Panel B advocate) with the appropriate level of skill, expertise, capacity and ability to conduct the case in accordance with a Panel Advocate's Contract, the Panel Member may instruct a Non-Panel Advocate, provided that the CCU is informed.

Signed:



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