

SRA Consultation Paper 2 - Changes to the Framework of Practice rules

LSC Response

1. *Do you agree that a solicitor in an “authorised non-SRA firm” should be able to provide a reserved legal service to the firm itself, work colleagues, related bodies or pro bono, even if the firm is not authorised to provide services of that sort?(para 2.3)*

We agree that the solicitor should be able to provide such services to the firm itself, work colleagues and related bodies but not general pro bono work.

2. *Do you agree with the way 14.04 deals with changes to a partnership, and their effect on the bodies recognition? (para 3.12)*

We agree that the SRA should have the discretion to refuse in circumstances where they feel that clients may be at serious risk of harm.

3. *Do you think 14.04.(2)(c) deals adequately with a partnership becoming a sole practitioner? (Para 3.12)*

We believe it adequately covers this provision.

4. *Do you think 14.04.(2)(d)deals adequately with a partnership split?(para 3.12)*

We believe it adequately covers this provision.

5. *Do you agree with the way the rules deal with salaried partners and local partners? (para 3.13)*

n/a

6. *Do you agree that most of the code should be disapplied in relation to work a solicitor in an “authorised non-SRA” firm foes for clients?(para 4.2)*

We agree.

7. *Do you agree with the new test for when the code applies in full to the overseas practice of a recognised body – whether the body is a “ solicitor controlled recognised body”?(para 4.5 & 4.6)*

n/a

8. *Do you agree with the new test in 15.5 and 15.27 and for whether the overseas accounts provisions apply – that solicitors control the firm?(para 4.7)*

We agree.

9. *Do you agree that a solicitor, Registered European Lawyer (REL) or Registered Foreign Lawyer (RFL) should only participate in a recognised body or authorised non-SRA firm as a lawyer? (para 5.3 to 5.5)*

We agree.

10. *Do you believe that any of the proposed amendments to the rules will have a particular impact (adverse or otherwise) on any group or category of persons?*

A full impact assessment needs to be undertaken.

11. *Have you any other comments on the draft amendments to the rules?*

No other comments.