

**SRA Consultation Paper 5 –
LSC Response**

1. *Do you agree with the basic criteria for approval of non-lawyers as managers? (See paragraph 4.2.)*

We agree

2. *Do you think a foreign lawyer whose profession has no strong element of self-regulation should be allowed to participate in a recognised body? If so, should such a foreign lawyer be permitted (and required) to participate as an RFL? (See paragraphs 4.3 – 4.4.)*

No

2 a *Do you think the Regulations should give the Solicitors Regulation Authority discretion to require or to undertake checks on the suitability of proposed managers who are authorised by other approved regulators? (See paragraph 4.6.)*

We agree with the proposal.

3. *Do you think we have adequately covered the circumstances in which it may be necessary to impose conditions on a recognised body? If not, please give further details. (See paragraph 5.2.)*

We agree

4. *Do you agree with that temporary emergency recognition should be possible when an unrecognised partnership has come into being as a result of a sudden partnership split? If not, please explain. (See paragraphs 6.1 – 6.2.)*

We agree

5. *Do you agree that a non-lawyer manager of a body should be able to carry his or her approval over to a body which is benefiting from a temporary emergency recognition? If not, please explain. (See paragraph 6.2.)*

We agree

6. *Do you agree that a non-lawyer manager of a body with a temporary emergency recognition should have to be approved in relation to the new recognised body before its substantive application for recognition can be determined? If not, please explain. (See paragraph 6.2.)*

We agree

7. *Do you think the limitations on temporary emergency recognition strike the right balance between helping a partnership brought into being by unexpected events and ensuring that it is suitable? If not, please explain. (See paragraph 6.2.)*

Yes we believe they achieve this

8. *Do you think it is appropriate, in the public interest, to require the register of recognised bodies to state all a firm's practising styles? If not, please explain. (See paragraph 11.1.)*

Yes

9. *Do you think we have struck the right balance between transparency and the protection of individuals in reserving discretion to allow a body's practising address to be kept private? If not, please explain. (See paragraph 11.1.)*

Yes

10. *Do you believe any of the proposed amendments to the Regulations annexed will have a particular impact (adverse or otherwise) on any group or category of persons? If so please give further details.*

A full impact assessment should be undertaken.

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

No other comments.