

Rule 25 – Commencement and repeals

Solicitors' Code of Conduct 2007

Professional Ethics

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- (1) These rules, together with the Solicitors' Recognised Bodies Regulations 2007, shall come into force on the first day of the fourth month commencing after notification of the approval of the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs under Schedule 4 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.
- (2) The following provisions are repealed by these rules:
 - (a) the Solicitors' Practice Rules 1990;
 - (b) the Solicitors' Publicity Code 2001;
 - (c) the Solicitors' Introduction and Referral Code 1990;
 - (d) the Employed Solicitors Code 1990;
 - (e) the Solicitors' Separate Business Code 1994;
 - (f) the Solicitors' Costs Information and Client Care Code 1999;
 - (g) the Law Society's Code for Advocacy;
 - (h) the Solicitors' Anti-Discrimination Rules 2004;
 - (i) the Solicitors' Overseas Practice Rules 1990; and
 - (j) the Solicitors' Incorporated Practice Rules 2004.
- (3) These rules also replace the conduct obligations imposed by virtue of The Guide to the Professional Conduct of Solicitors (1999) and Guide Online.

- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, the following will remain in force after the coming into force of these rules:
- (a) the Solicitors' Accounts Rules;
 - (b) the Solicitors' Indemnity Insurance Rules;
 - (c) the Solicitors' Indemnity (Enactment) Rules;
 - (d) the Solicitors' Financial Services (Scope) Rules;
 - (e) the Solicitors' Financial Services (Conduct of Business) Rules;
 - (f) the Solicitors' Compensation Fund Rules; and
 - (g) the Solicitors' Compensation Fund (Foreign Lawyers' Contributions) Rules.

Guidance to rule 25 – Commencement and repeals

1. See note 3 of the guidance to rule 22 (Waivers) regarding commencement of the Solicitors' Code of Conduct 2007 and waivers of repealed rules.