

Working party on the impact of Solicitors Regulation Authority decisions on black and minority ethnic solicitors

Terms of reference for independent review

13 March 2008

Aim

The reviewer will consider all relevant aspects of the Solicitors Regulation Authority's (SRA's) regulatory policies, practices and its decision-making process, and provide a report with findings and recommendations.

Reviewer

The reviewer is Lord Herman Ouseley, who is appointed by the SRA with the support of the working party. The reviewer will work independently of, but in collaboration with, the SRA and the working party.

Role of the reviewer

The role of the reviewer will be to

- act as an independent reviewer of the SRA in respect of the issues being raised,
- conduct the review in accordance and within the scope identified and agreed with the working party,
- seek advice from the working party appropriately to inform the review,
- seek advice when necessary and appropriate from Dr Ali Dizaei,
- ensure that at no time is the review compromised in terms of its confidentiality, independence and objectivity,
- provide monthly updates / reports to the working party,

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- review all areas and aspects of the work of the SRA identified by the working party which will include risk assessments, use of discretion in decision making, conduct outcomes, collection and use of intelligence,
- provide a final report and make recommendations to the working party.