



Register of licensed bodies (ABS)

Compass Immigration Law Ltd

Personnel

Head of legal practice

Georgette Thomas (authorised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority)

Head of Finance and Administration

Georgette Thomas

Reserved activities

The firm is licensed to undertake the following reserved legal activities:

- Rights of audience
 - Conduct of litigation
 - Reserved instrument activities
 - Probate activities
 - Administration of oaths
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Terms and conditions of the licence

The general conditions which apply to licensed bodies contained in Rule 8 of the SRA Authorisation Rules for Legal Services Bodies and Licensable Bodies as applicable.

Any obligation which may from time to time be imposed on [The Firm] or a manager, employee, or non-authorised interest-holder in [The Firm] by or under the SRA's licensing rules or by or under the LSA, or any other enactment.

[The Firm] may carry on exempt regulated activities under Part XX of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 provided that such activities arise out of or are complementary to the firm's reserved legal activities or other legal activities.

Waiver(s)

The information below is a summary of the waiver(s) granted.



1.

- Compass Immigration Law Ltd has been granted a waiver of rule 9.4(a) of the SRA Authorisation of Firms Rules.
- This waiver is subject to the condition that it only applies as long as Georgette Thomas (SRA number 473205) is the person who supervises work within the practice under rule 9.4(b) of the SRA Authorisation of Firms Rules. Should Mrs Thomas cease to be the one undertaking that supervision, this waiver will no longer apply and Compass Immigration Law Ltd will be required to comply with rule 9.4(a) of the SRA Authorisation of Firms Rules.
- The waiver is granted unlimited as to time but is revocable on reasonable notice.
- The outcome achieved is that Compass Immigration Law Ltd is permitted to have Georgette Thomas supervise the work undertaken by the practice even though she does not meet the requirements in full.
- The reasons for this decision are: Mrs Thomas is now seeking to move the business to SRA-regulation. All SRA-authorised firms are required to have someone supervise the work of the practice who is a lawyer (as defined by our Glossary) and has worked as such for a minimum of three years. We are satisfied that granting this waiver is not contrary to our obligation to support the rule of law and the administration of justice, nor does it undermine our public interest purpose.
- Any risks to the regulatory objectives have been mitigated by the condition imposed that the waiver only applies as long as Mrs Thomas is the person providing supervision under rule 9.4(b) of the SRA Authorisation of Firms Rules.
- Mrs Thomas has been entitled to practise for the required time and conducted work which, if it had been done from an SRA-regulated practice, would have been done as a practising solicitor. Her practising arrangements and her work were done in full compliance with both SRA and OISC regulations. Mrs Thomas' experience therefore meets the intention behind rule 9.4(a).
- Mrs Thomas is a solicitor who has held an unconditional practising certificate for in excess of three years. During that time, she has provided immigration services from an OISC-regulated practice. Under OISC regulations, her services have been provided in the capacity of an OISC registered adviser rather than as a practising solicitor.

Licence

Licence number : 665163

Granted on 31 March 2020

Effective from 7 May 2020

Registration details

Compass Immigration Law Ltd

First Floor,
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Quoted company

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