

Latest news releases

Standards and Regulations resources launched

12 September 2019

[\[sra/news/press/standards-and-regulations-resources-launched/\]](#)

A new 'one stop shop' webpage providing solicitors and law firms with easy access to resources designed to help prepare for the introduction of our new Standards and Regulation on 25 November, has been launched.

[\[sra/news/press/standards-and-regulations-resources-launched/\]](#) Legal Access Challenge prize fund doubles to support more innovations

4 September 2019

[\[sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-prize-fund-doubles-to-support-more-innovations/\]](#)

The SRA and Nesta Challenges have confirmed that the Legal Access Challenge has attracted 117 high quality entries from entrepreneurs, legal professionals, technologists, law schools and charities.

[\[sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-prize-fund-doubles-to-support-more-innovations/\]](#) SRA seeks views on advocacy proposals

21 August 2019

[\[sra/news/press/views-advocacy-proposals/\]](#)

We have launched a consultation on proposals designed to make sure that high standards of advocacy are provided by solicitors.

[\[sra/news/press/views-advocacy-proposals/\]](#) SQE1 pilot "successfully achieves its purpose"

31 July 2019

[\[sra/news/press/sqe-pilot-results/\]](#)

A pilot to test the first part of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination - known as SQE1 - has shown that it is on course to be a valid, rigorous assessment, while also highlighting the need for more work to see if a skills assessment is appropriate in the first stage of the exam.

[\[sra/news/press/sqe-pilot-results/\]](#) Small businesses left to fight their own legal corner

29 July 2019

[\[sra/news/press/small-firms-research-legal-access-challenge/\]](#)

Two-fifths of small and medium businesses in England and Wales believe that legal advice is reserved for big businesses or those that can afford it, according to a recent survey by Nesta Challenges to mark the launch of the Legal Access Challenge.

[\[sra/news/press/small-firms-research-legal-access-challenge/\]](#) Report outlines SRA action taken to uphold standards

25 July 2019

[\[sra/news/press/disciplinary-review-explains-outcomes/\]](#)

We have published a new report outlining the investigation, supervision and enforcement work we carry out.

[\[sra/news/press/disciplinary-review-explains-outcomes/\]](#) Proposed fee levels to remain the same

18 July 2019

[\[sra/news/press/fee-levels-2019-20/\]](#)

Individual practising fee levels for 2019/20 should remain at the same level, our Board has decided.

[\[/sra/news/press/fee-levels-2019-20/\]](#) Law firms improving customer service and complaints handling

9 July 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/complaints-standards-of-service/\]](#)

Data released today suggests law firms are getting better at resolving complaints made to firms, while most clients say they are happy with the quality of service from firms.

[\[/sra/news/press/complaints-standards-of-service/\]](#) Strong interest in Legal Access Challenge as collaboration group takes off

8 July 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-interest/\]](#)

With just over one month to go to the application deadline on 11 August, the Legal Access Challenge has confirmed that it has already received more than 85 expressions of interests in applying for funding, including from entrepreneurs, legal professionals, technologists, law schools and charities.

[\[/sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-interest/\]](#) Solicitors adapt to professional development changes

2 July 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/continuing-competence/\]](#)

The introduction of revised approach to maintaining and developing skills among solicitors has been well received by law firms.

[\[/sra/news/press/continuing-competence/\]](#) Next steps for Board openness

20 June 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/board-openness-charter/\]](#)

Our Chair of the Board, Anna Bradley, has set out her plans to make sure our Board is working in an open way and is accountable to core stakeholders.

[\[/sra/news/press/board-openness-charter/\]](#) Checks reveal law firms need to do more to comply with transparency rules

6 June 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/transparency-checks-june-2019/\]](#)

A review of law firms has found that almost one-in-five have made no effort to comply with rules to help the public understand law firm's prices and services.

[\[/sra/news/press/transparency-checks-june-2019/\]](#) Fall in Compensation Fund contributions

5 June 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/comp-fund-2019/\]](#)

The Compensation Fund contributions we set for the next practising year are set to fall.

[\[/sra/news/press/comp-fund-2019/\]](#) Legal Access Challenge launched to encourage innovation

30 May 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-launch-may-2019/\]](#)

New research from Nesta Challenges reveals six in ten (58%) people in England and Wales think the legal system is not set up for ordinary people, with the vast majority wanting it to be easier for people to access legal support.

[\[/sra/news/press/legal-access-challenge-launch-may-2019/\]](#) 2017/18 Annual Review

23 May 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/annual-review-2017-18/\]](#)

Published today, the SRA's Annual Review covers our structure, culture and funding, reports on our work over the 2017/18 practising year and outlines our aspirations for the year ahead.

[\[/sra/news/press/annual-review-2017-18/\] Review shows too many law firms falling short on anti-money laundering](#)

7 May 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/aml-tcsp-review-2019/\]](#)

A review has shown that a significant minority of law firms are not doing enough to prevent money laundering, with some falling seriously short.

[\[/sra/news/press/aml-tcsp-review-2019/\] Concerns over price transparency and legal support during property transactions](#)

5 April 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/conveyancing-thematic-report/\]](#)

Concerns over price transparency and legal support during property transactions have emerged in a thematic review of legal support offered during the conveyancing process.

[\[/sra/news/press/conveyancing-thematic-report/\] SRA puts firms on notice for money laundering compliance checks](#)

20 March 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/aml-sweep-2019/\]](#)

We will be carrying out rigorous checks on law firms to make sure they are meeting their anti-money laundering obligations.

[\[/sra/news/press/aml-sweep-2019/\] SRA confirms changes to foreign solicitor qualification criteria in event of a no-deal Brexit](#)

20 March 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/qits-brexit-changes-2019/\]](#)

We have confirmed changes to rules, which would take effect in the event of a no-deal Brexit, regarding how non-UK solicitors will qualify in England and Wales.

[\[/sra/news/press/qits-brexit-changes-2019/\] SRA confirms November launch for new regulatory model](#)

20 March 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/standards-regulations-start-date-2019/\]](#)

We have confirmed that our new regulations, which will allow solicitors greater flexibility in how they work, making it easier for people to get help, will come into effect on 25 November 2019.

[\[/sra/news/press/standards-regulations-start-date-2019/\] SRA publishes new Enforcement Strategy](#)

7 February 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/enforcement-strategy/\]](#)

We have published an updated Enforcement Strategy, which explains when and how we would take action against a law firm or solicitor.

[\[/sra/news/press/enforcement-strategy/\] SRA Board welcomes new members](#)

10 January 2019

[\[/sra/news/press/new-board-members-2019/\]](#)

Our Board has welcomed two new members. Selina Ullah and Peter Higson take up their places this month. Selina Ullah and Peter Higson take up their places this month.

[\[/sra/news/press/new-board-members-2019/\]](#)