



Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) Regulations 2013

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Articles 74(1) and 75(1) of the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and all other powers enabling them on that behalf and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland hereby make the following Regulations for the purposes mentioned in the said Order.

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Solicitors Practice (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 4th March 2013.
- 2 (i) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of a statutory instrument.

(ii) Unless defined herein all expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Solicitors' (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.
- 3 In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Solicitors' Practice Regulations 1987 and any reference to a Regulation by number is to the Regulation so numbered therein.
- 4 Regulation 16 of the Regulations shall be amended to insert the following:-

"(4) For the purposes of this Regulation:

A solicitor shall not pay any person for the referral of legal business which involves the provision of legal services relating:-

- (a) to a claim or potential claim for damages for personal injuries or death;
- (b) to any other claim or potential claim for damages arising out of circumstances involving personal injuries or death or the risk of personal injury or death.

There is a referral of legal business if:-

- (i) A person provides information to a solicitor
- (ii) It is information that a solicitor would need to make an offer to the Client to provide relevant services, and
- (iii) The person providing the information is not the Client and "relevant services" means any of the legal services that a solicitor provides.

“Client” means the person who makes or would make the claim.

Payment includes any form of consideration.”.

I certify these to be a true copy of the Regulations approved by the Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

Alan Hunter
Chief Executive/Secretary
Law Society of Northern Ireland

28/1/13.

Date

I concur

Rt Honourable Sir Declan Morgan
Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

14 February 2013

Date