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Solicitors' Practice (Amendment) Regulations 2011

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Articles 26(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 Article 26(1) of the said Order.

1. (a) These regulations may be cited as the Solicitors Practice (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

(b) These regulations shall come into force on 1st September 2011.

2. 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.

3. Regulation 8A(3)(a) of the principal Regulations shall be amended to read: -

“Regulation 8A(3) For purposes of this regulation:

[a] "domestic property" means premises or part of premises primarily used or intended to be used for residential purposes, and not acquired or disposed of by the client in the course of a commercial business activity (including agriculture) provided that where the commercial business activity is that of a mortgagee in possession, the Regulation shall apply.