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**Freedom of Information request**

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**Request:**

Can you please tell me whether Barristers and Solicitors are classed as officers of the court and whether they are required to swear any Oaths of allegiance or judicial Oaths and to whom?

Please confirm what date Barristers and Solicitors stopped being required to take an Oath of Office entitling them to practice in the courts?

**Response:**

I write in response to your email of 13 October 2015 in which you requested information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FolA) as to the requirement on barristers and solicitors to swear oaths of allegiance or judicial oaths.

The LSB does not hold this information. Barristers and solicitors are regulated by the General Council of the Bar (<http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/>) and The Law Society (<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/>) respectively. You may wish to contact them to see if they would be able to provide you with this information.

I hope that this has been of assistance, but if you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you have the right to ask for an internal review or to submit a complaint (see LSB's Freedom of information – Complaints procedure: [http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can\\_we\\_help/lbs\\_policies\\_procedures/freedom\\_of\\_information/index.htm](http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/lbs_policies_procedures/freedom_of_information/index.htm)).