

BY EMAIL (under section 203 of Legal Services Act 2007)



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Dear Paul

**Exemption Direction for the Solicitors Regulation Authority's alterations to regulatory arrangements**

On 10 February 2014 we received an application for approval of the Solicitor Regulation Authority (SRA) amendments to regulatory arrangements in respect of the Higher Rights of Audience Regulations.

We have considered the changes against our Significance, Impact and Risk framework and consider these alterations to be suitable for exemption from our full approval process. As a result, enclosed is an Exemption Direction in relation to this alteration.

The Exemption Direction is effective from today 14 February and a copy will be published on our website.

A letter in identical terms has been sent to Charles Plant and I am copying this letter to Mark Stobbs and Elliott Vigar at the Law Society.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Kenny'.

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Enclosure

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**Direction 62 issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 to the Solicitors Regulation Authority**

1. This is a direction issued pursuant to paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act).
2. Unless stated otherwise, words in this direction are used as they are defined in the Act.
3. In accordance with paragraph 19(3) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board has directed that the following alterations to regulatory arrangements be treated as exempt alterations for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(c) of Schedule 4:

The SRA Higher Rights of Audience Regulations, removal of the regulations from the scope of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court.

4. A copy of the alterations was submitted to the Board on 10 February 2014
5. This direction is to be deemed made on and to be effective from 14 February 2014.

**For and on behalf of the Legal Services Board  
14 February 2013**