



Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 46

PART I

ORGANISATION

The Council of the Law Society

[^{F1}3C Particular rules applying

- (1) The following particular rules apply as respects the regulatory committee—
 - (a) the committee's membership may include persons who are not members of the Council,
 - (b) at least 50% of the committee's membership is to comprise lay persons,
 - (c) lay persons, where they are not members of the Council, are appointable to the committee if they would be appointable to the Council as non-solicitor members (see paragraph 3A(3) of Schedule 1),
 - (d) the committee is to appoint one of its lay members as its convener,
 - (e) if the convener is not present at a meeting of the committee, another of its lay members is to chair the meeting.
- (2) Any sub-committee of the regulatory committee (formed under section 3A(2)(a)) is subject to the particular rules applying as respects the regulatory committee, except that—
 - (a) a meeting of the sub-committee need not be chaired by one of its lay members,
 - (b) it may co-opt members from outside the membership of the regulatory committee.
- (3) Nothing done by the regulatory committee (or a sub-committee of it) is invalid solely because of a temporary shortfall in the number of its lay members.
- (4) In subsection (1)(b), “lay persons” are persons who are not—
 - (a) solicitors,
 - (b) advocates,

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- (c) conveyancing or executry practitioners as defined in section 23 of the 1990 Act,
- (d) those having a right to conduct litigation, or a right of audience, by virtue of section 27 of the 1990 Act, or
- (e) confirmation agents or will writers within the meaning of Part 3 of the 2010 Act.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 3B-3G inserted (1.4.2011 for specified purposes, 1.6.2011 in so far as not already in force) by Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 16), ss. 133(2), 150(2); S.S.I. 2011/180, arts. 3, 5(d), sch.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 12A(2)(ba) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(3\)](#)
- s. 32(1)(d) and word inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 32(2D) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 1A(b)(ia) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(b\)](#)