
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1185

The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019

PART 3

Applications

CHAPTER 2

Applications by solicitors, etc.

Applications for restoration and termination of indefinite suspension

- 17.**—(1) This Rule applies to applications made to the Tribunal under section 47 of the Act by—
- (a) a former solicitor seeking restoration to the Roll of Solicitors kept by the Society under section 6 the 1974 Act⁽¹⁾;
 - (b) a person seeking restoration to the register of European lawyers or the register of foreign lawyers if his name has been withdrawn or removed from either register by the Tribunal;
 - (c) a solicitor, registered European lawyer or registered foreign lawyer seeking the termination of an indefinite period of suspension from practice imposed by the Tribunal.
- (2) An application to which this Rule applies must be sent to the Tribunal and must be made using the prescribed form.
- (3) The application must be supported by a Statement setting out the facts and matters supporting the application and exhibiting any documents relied upon by the applicant.
- (4) The Society must be a respondent to any application to which this Rule applies.
- (5) The applicant must serve on the Society—
- (a) a copy of the application; and
 - (b) a Statement in support of the application.
- (6) Every application to which this Rule applies must be advertised by the applicant in the Law Society's Gazette and in a newspaper circulating in the area of the applicant's former practice (if available) and must also be advertised by the Tribunal on its website.
- (7) Any person may, no later than 21 days before the hearing date of an application to which this Rule applies, serve on the Tribunal and the parties to the application notice of that person's intention to oppose the allowing of the application and the Tribunal may allow the person to appear before it at the hearing of the application, call evidence and make representations upon which the Tribunal may allow the person to be cross-examined.

(1) Section 6 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), Schedule 11(4), paragraph 21(2) and the Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), Schedule 23, paragraph 1.