

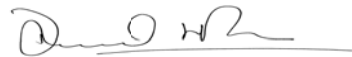
Regulatory Independence Certification

On behalf of The Law Society an approved regulator designated under section 20 and Schedule 4 of the Legal Services Act 2007, we jointly certify that we have in place arrangements that comply with the requirements of the Internal Governance Rules 2009 and that in particular:

- (1) observe and respect the principle that structures or persons with representative functions must not exert, or be permitted to exert, undue influence or control over the performance of regulatory functions, or any person(s) discharging those functions;
- (2) ensure that persons involved in the exercise of our regulatory functions are, in that capacity, able to make representations to, be consulted by and enter into communications with any person(s) including but not limited to the Legal Services Board, the Consumer Panel, the OLC and other Approved Regulators;
- (3) ensure that the exercise of our regulatory functions is not prejudiced by our representative functions or interests;
- (4) ensure that the exercise of our regulatory functions is, so far as reasonably practicable, independent of our representative functions;
- (5) ensure that such steps are taken as are reasonably practicable to ensure the provision of such resources as are reasonably required for or in connection with the exercise of our regulatory functions; and
- (6) ensure that persons involved in the exercise of our regulatory functions are able to notify the Legal Services Board where they consider that their independence or effectiveness is being prejudiced.

Signed:

Applicable Approved Regulator

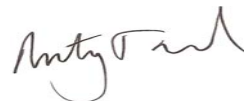


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[President]

[Chief Executive]

Regulatory board



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Charles W Plant, Chair of the SRA Board Antony Townsend, Chief Executive, SRA