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May

Warning to law firms working on financial compensation claims, 03 May 2024

Law firms working on financial product mis-selling compensation claims have been warned about their potential approaches and the need to uphold their professional obligations.

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/mass-claims/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/mass-claims/)

April

SRA finds firms are aware of SLAPP issues, but need to be clearer when instructing third parties, 19 April 2024

We have published a thematic review looking at law firm understanding of best practice to avoid getting involved in strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs).

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/slapps-thematic-review-2024/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/slapps-thematic-review-2024/) SRA starts search for new Board Chair, 11 April 2024

We have begun the search for a new Chair for our Board, who will be responsible for overseeing our work driving confidence and trust in legal services.

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-chair-recruitment/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-chair-recruitment/) Year two review of SQE shows continued improvements, 10 April 2024

The latest reports reviewing the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) have shown it continues to perform well and there can be confidence in this rigorous assessment.

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sqe-year-two-reports/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sqe-year-two-reports/)

March

SRA consults on potential regulation of CILEX students and paralegals , 20 March 2024

We have launched a consultation on rule changes needed to allow the potential regulation of non-authorised Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX) members.

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/cilex-consultation-2/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/cilex-consultation-2/) SRA wants views on suite of support for in-house solicitors, 08 March 2024

We have developed a raft of new resources to support the 34,500 plus solicitors working in-house in England and Wales. And views are now being sought on the guidance and advice before they are formally adopted.

[\[https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/views-in-house-solicitors/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/views-in-house-solicitors/)

February

SRA launches review of consumer protection, 05 February 2024

We have launched a review of our overall approach to protecting consumers in response to shifting risks in the sector.

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/consumer-protection-review-launched/>]

January

Firms offered advice on complying with sanctions, 29 January 2024

We have written to more than 1,000 firms with guidance and support on complying with the UK's financial sanctions regime. We gathered data from a number of firms and based on their responses identified a large number of firms that had indicated they had poor controls in place.

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/financial-sanctions-advice/>] Update on the Solicitors Regulation Authority investigation on the Post Office Horizon IT scandal, 19 January 2024

In light of the recent significant interest in the Post Office Horizon Scandal and the resumption of hearings at the ongoing statutory public inquiry, we are providing an update on our investigation, building on our October 2022 statement.

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/post-office-update-2024/>] SRA issues more fixed penalties, 09 January 2024

We have published more fixed penalties issued as part of our new financial penalty regime.

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/more-fixed-penalties/>]