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The Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2012

Amendment of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

- **3.**—(1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986(1) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 31 (solicitors and counsel), after subsection (3)(c) insert—
 - "(d) in the case of a solicitor investor in a licensed legal services provider, such conduct on the part of any person who is for the time being a solicitor investor in it.".
- (3) In section 41 (interpretation)—
 - (a) in the definition of "firm"(2), after "incorporated practice," insert "a licensed legal services provider,";
 - (b) after the definition of "legal aid" insert—
 - ""licensed legal services provider" and "solicitor investor" are to be construed in accordance with Part 2 of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010;"; and
 - (c) in the definition of "solicitor connected with a firm"(3), after "sole solicitor" insert ", a solicitor investor in a firm".
- (4) In Schedule 1A(4), after paragraph 1(4)(b) (register of advice organisations) insert—
 - "(c) a licensed legal services provider.".

^{(1) 1986} c.47.

⁽²⁾ The definition of "firm" was inserted by the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 (c.48), Schedule 1, paragraph 12(10) (b).

⁽³⁾ The definition of "solicitor connected with a firm" was inserted by the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 (c.48), Schedule 1, paragraph 12(10)(b).

⁽⁴⁾ Schedule 1A was inserted by the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 5), section 67(9).