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 5 In section 13 (appeals in connection with issue of practising...
 6 In section 21 (unqualified person not to pretend to be...
 7 In section 24 (application of penal provisions to body corporate)—...
 8 (1) Section 28 (regulations) shall be amended as follows.
 9 In section 34 (accountants' reports)— (a) in subsection (2), for...
 10 In section 43 (control of employment of certain clerks)—
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 12 In section 87 (interpretation)— (a) in subsection (1)—

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- 13 (1) Schedule 1 (intervention in solicitor's practice) shall be amended...
14 In Schedule 2 (the Compensation Fund), in paragraph 2(1)(b), omit...

SCHEDULE 2 — Legal services practices: Supplementary Provisions

Interpretation

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), references in this Schedule to...

Appeal against refusal of Society to grant recognition etc

- 2 (1) A body may appeal to the High Court against—...

Accounts rules

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where rules made under section 32(1)...

Interest on clients' money

- 4 (1) Where rules made under section 32 of the 1974...
4ZA Where rules made under section 32 of the 1974 Act...

Inspection of bank accounts

- 4A (1) This paragraph applies where rules made under section 33A(1)...

Accountants' reports

- 5 Where rules made under section 34 of the 1974 Act...
5A Where rules made under section 34 of the 1974 Act...

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- 6 (1) Section 36 of the 1974 Act applies in relation...

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8 Legal services practices: Supplementary Provisions

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- 12 Legal services practices: Supplementary Provisions

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 14ZA (1) The Society may give a notice under this paragraph...

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 18A (1) Where, on the hearing of any complaint made to...

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- 21 (1) Where— (a) any order is made by the Tribunal...

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- 22 (1) In the provisions to which this paragraph applies—

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- 24 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a contentious business...

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Assessments with respect to contentious business

26 (1) Subject to the provisions of any rules of court,...

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27 Any jurisdiction— (a) of the High Court to make any...

Power of court to order recognised body to pay over clients' money

28 Any jurisdiction of the High Court to make, in the...

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29 (1) Subsection (2A) of section 69 of the 1974 Act...

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30 Section 83 of the 1974 Act shall apply in relation...

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31A Where rules made under section 32(1) of the 1974 Act...

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32 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where— (a) the Society is...

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33 The powers conferred by Part II of Schedule 1 to...

34 (1) Where the recognition of a body

35 In connection with the application of Part II of Schedule...

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36 (1) Where a recognised body acts as such for a...

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37 In the following provisions, namely— (a) sections 10(2), 48 and...

SCHEDULE 3 — The Council for Licensed Conveyancers: Supplementary Provisions

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1 The Council shall be a body corporate.

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2 (1) The Council shall consist of— (a) not more than...

3 Constitution

4 (1) The Council shall prepare a scheme making provision as...

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5 The Council shall have power to pay to the members...

Incidental powers

6 The Council shall have power to do anything which in...

Officers and staff

7 (1) The Council shall have power to appoint such officers...

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9 (1) The powers of the Council and of any of...

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1 (1) The Council shall make rules about the procedure and...

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2 (1) For the purposes of any proceedings before the Discipline...

3 (1) For the purpose of advising the Discipline and Appeals...

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4 (1) Every order of the Discipline and Appeals Committee under...

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1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the powers conferred by Part...

2 On the death of a licensed conveyancer who immediately before...

3 The powers conferred by Part II of this Schedule shall...

4 (1) Where the powers conferred by Part II of this...

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5 (1) The High Court, on the application of the Council,...

6 (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 5, if the Council passes...

6A (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 5, if the Council passes...

6B (1) The Council may make rules governing its treatment of...

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- 7 (1) If the Council takes possession of any sum of...
8 Without prejudice to paragraphs 5 to 7, if the High...

Documents

- 9 (1) The Council may give notice to the licensed conveyancer...

Redirection of communications

- 10 (1) The High Court, on the application of the Council,...

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- 10A (1) If the licensed conveyancer or his personal representative is...

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- 11 The powers in relation to sums of money , documents...
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Disciplinary control of recognised bodies

- 2 In addition to the functions conferred on them by sections...
3 (1) The Investigating Committee shall carry out a preliminary investigation...
3A (1) Where, on hearing an allegation by virtue of paragraph...
4 (1) Where on the hearing of any allegation within paragraph...
5 (1) Where— (a) any order is made by the Discipline...

Appeals against orders of the Committee

- 6 (1) Where the Committee make an order by virtue of...

Revocation of recognition on grounds of fraud or error

- 7 (1) Where the Discipline and Appeals Committee are satisfied that...

Appeal against decision of Council in relation to grant of recognition

- 8 (1) Where, in the case of any body

Rules of procedure, etc.

- 9 (1) Paragraphs 1(2) and 2 of Schedule 4 shall have...

Intervention by Council

- 10 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where— (a) the Council is...
11 The powers conferred by Part II of Schedule 5 shall...
12 (1) Where the recognition of a body
13 In connection with the application of Part II of Schedule...

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Examination of files

14 (1) Where the Investigating Committee are satisfied that it is...

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15 (1) Where rules made under section 22(3)(a) are applied to...

16 (1) Where rules made under section 22(2) and containing any...

SCHEDULE 7 — Consequential Amendments

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Solicitors Act 1974 (c.47)

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5 In section 48(2) (orders of Tribunal), for “section 47(2)” substitute...

6 In section 49(3) (appeals from Tribunal), at the end add...

County Courts Act 1984 (c.28)

7 In section 33 (effect of order of judge in probate...

8 In section 58(1) (persons who may take affidavits for use...

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3 In section 3— (a) subsection (1) applies in relation to...

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4 In section 4— (a) subsections (2) and (4) apply to...

Restriction on preparation of contracts of sale etc.

5 In section 6— (a) subsection (3) applies to acts done...

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6 Where a person has committed an offence under section 23...

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7 Any provision made by an order under subsection (7) of...

Legal aid complaints

8 The repeal by this Act of the provisions referred to...

9 Each of sections 41 to 44 applies in relation to...

Substitution or removal of personal representatives

10 Subsection (6) of section 50 applies to an application under...

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11 (1) Any order of the Lord Chancellor made, or having...

Register of county court judgments

12 (1) Where immediately before the commencement of section 54 there...

Relief from forfeiture in county court

13 The provisions inserted by subsections (4) and (5) of section...

Time limits for actions for libel or slander

14 Nothing in section 57 shall apply in relation to an...

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Limitation of damages against resident magistrates etc. in Northern Ireland

16 Nothing in section 63 shall apply in relation to an...

Increase of penalties under Solicitors Act 1974

17 Nothing in paragraph 6 or 7 of Schedule 1 shall...

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- s. 61 repealed by [1999 c. 22 Sch. 15 Pt. 5\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 14B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 207\(2\)](#)

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