Draft Regulations laid before the Assembly under sections 21(2) and 40(2) of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 for approval

DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No.

LEGAL COMPLAINTS AND REGULATION

The Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Appeals) Regulations 2025

Made

Coming into operation *xxxx 2025*

The Department of Finance(**a**), with the concurrence of the Lady Chief Justice, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 21 and 40 of the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016(**b**):

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Appeals) Regulations 2025 and shall come into operation on xxxx 2025.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations "the 2016 Act" means the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Appeals

3. An appeal, against a determination of the Bar Complaints Committee, may be made to the High Court where the determination contains a direction in accordance with section 19 of the 2016 Act.

4. An appeal, against a determination the Solicitors Complaints Committee, may be made to the High Court where the determination contains a direction in accordance with section 38 of the 2016 Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on xxxx.

A senior officer of the Department of Finance

I concur.

(**a**) The Department of Finance and Personnel was renamed the Department of Finance by section 1(4) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.))
(**b**) 2016 c.14 (N.I.)

The Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations specify the circumstances in which appeals may be made to the High Court against determinations made by the Complaints Committee of either the Law Society or the Honourable Society of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland.

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