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LEGAL COMPLAINTS AND REGULATION

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

Laid before the Assembly in draft.

Made	*26th June 2025*
Coming into operation	1st September 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 1st September 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 26th June 2025.

(L.S.)

David Hughes
A senior officer of the Department of Finance

I concur.

Siobhan Keegan

(**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.)

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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