STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 501

LEGAL SERVICES

The Licensed Conveyancers (Compensation for Inadequate Professional Services) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*5th March 2009*
Laid before Parliament	*9th March 2009*
Coming into force - -	*31st March 2009*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 8 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990(**a**).

In accordance with paragraph 16(3) of that Schedule, he has consulted the Council for Licensed Conveyancers before making this Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Licensed Conveyancers (Compensation for Inadequate Professional Services) Order 2009 and comes into force on 31st March 2009.

Amendment of Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

2. In paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 8 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, for the figure "£5,000", substitute the figure "£15,000".

Revocation

3. The Licensed Conveyancers (Compensation for Inadequate Professional Services) Order 2000(**b**) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Bridget Prentice
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

5th March 2009

(**a**) 1990 c. 41. Paragraph 16(1) was amended by the Licensed Conveyancers (Compensation for Inadequate Professional Services) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/643) which for the figure "£1,000" substituted the figure "£5,000". In paragraph 16(2) the words "Secretary of State" were substituted by the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887), Schedule 2 paragraph 8(1)(d). Paragraph 16 will be repealed by the Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29); see paragraph 100(e) of Schedule 21 to that Act.

(**b**) S.I. 2000/643.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the maximum compensation that the Council for Licensed Conveyancers may direct a licensed conveyancer to pay his client for inadequate professional services from £5,000 to £15,000, by substituting that figure in the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41). It revokes the Licensed Conveyancers (Compensation for Inadequate Professional Services) Order 2000 which increased the maximum compensation from £1,000 to £5,000.

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