

SOLICITORS ADMISSION AND TRAINING (MUTUAL RECOGNITION)
REGULATIONS 1990

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the power conferred on it by Articles 6 and 74(1) of the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (as amended) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations are supplemental to the Solicitors Admission and Training Regulations 1988 (the Principal Regulations) and shall be construed and interpreted accordingly.
2. These Regulations shall come into force on 4th January 1991.
3. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to a statutory instrument.
4. Any person seeking admission as a solicitor in Northern Ireland who is a person whom the Society considers to fulfil the requirements of the Council of the European Communities Directive No. 89/48/EEC shall apply to the Society for registration as a student under Regulation 8(4) or 8(5) of the Principal Regulations. Such an applicant shall be required to demonstrate a knowledge of and aptitude for the law and practice of Northern Ireland by way of examination in such form and in such subjects or with such content as the Education Committee shall in each case prescribe and shall pay such fees in respect of the application and examination as the Committee may from time to time decide.
5. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that applicants to whom these Regulations apply shall, prior to admission, be required to satisfy the conditions laid down in Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations in addition to the requirements laid down in these Regulations.

practice including the management of his office and the performance of his professional work;

- (e) the aptitude of such solicitor to provide satisfactory and adequate training to a registered student;
- (f) the manner in which such solicitor may have conducted himself as a Master under any previous Articles of Apprenticeship;
- (g) the nature and manner of operation of the practice of such solicitor including such matters as the range of work undertaken, the number and standard of staff employed in such practice and the nature and standard of the premises in which such practice is carried on;
- (h) any other circumstance of whatever nature which might, in the opinion of the Committee, affect the suitability of such solicitor to act as the Master of a registered student.

5. In Regulation 13 of the Principal Regulations the following proviso shall be inserted namely: "provided however that it shall be permissible for an individual solicitor to have two apprentices at any one time so long as

- (a) both apprentices are registered students of the Society under Regulation 8(1)(a) or (b); and
- (b) one of the said students is in the first year of his apprenticeship and the other is in the second year of his apprenticeship".