

The Solicitors (Conflict of Interest) Practice Regulations 1993

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the power conferred upon them by Articles 74(1) and (2) of the Solicitors' (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (as amended) (hereinafter called "the Order") and paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to the Financial Services Act 1976 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, hereby make under Articles 33, 34 and 35 of the said Order the following regulations:-

1. These regulations may be cited as The Solicitors (Conflict of Interest) Practice Regulations 1993 and shall come into effect on 1st September 1993.
2. Except where otherwise stated in these regulations, expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Order.
3. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to these regulations as it does to a measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
4. A solicitor who, or whose firm, has acquired any interest in a solicitor's practice carried on by any other solicitor or solicitors shall not act for any party to an action brought against such other solicitor or solicitors by any client or former client of such other solicitor or solicitors.
5. A solicitor who at any time has been employed by or has been in partnership with any other solicitor or solicitors shall not without the consent in writing of the Society act for any party to an action brought against such other solicitor or solicitors by any client or former client of such other solicitor or solicitors.
6. A solicitor who, or whose firm, employs any solicitor who has been in the employment of or in partnership with any other solicitor or solicitors shall not without the consent in writing of the Society act for any party to an action brought against such other solicitor or solicitors by any client or former client of such other solicitor or solicitors.
7. A solicitor who, or whose firm, acts in an action brought against any other solicitor or solicitors by any client or former client of such other solicitor or solicitors shall not without the consent in writing of the Society share the fees charged by him or his firm in respect of such action with any solicitor other than any partner or partners in his firm.
8. A solicitor who, having acquired any interest in a solicitor's practice carried on by any other solicitor or having taken over the conduct of a matter from another solicitor, becomes aware of circumstances which

might lead to a claim against the other solicitor, shall make notification of such circumstances pursuant to the Solicitors' (Professional Indemnity) Regulations 1976.

Made by the Council on the 30th day of June, 1993.

