



# PROFESSIONAL REGULATION CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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On a lighter note here are 10 questions for you to answer this month. All the answers can be found in my articles over the last 12 months. Answers by email to [s.lowe@townshends.co.uk](mailto:s.lowe@townshends.co.uk) by 12 January 2010. Please include your name and address on the email. The winner will receive a bottle of champagne donated by Townshends LLP.

- 1 Solicitors are now permitted to donate individual client account balances not exceeding £50 to charity without obtaining prior authorisation from the Solicitors Regulation Authority ("SRA"). Which rule governs this? (1 mark)
- 2 Which rule of the Solicitors' Code of Conduct 2007 requires firms to adopt a policy to deal with the prevention of discrimination and the promotion of diversity within the practice? (1 mark)
- 3 Please detail three requirements that had to be met prior to a client being able to request a Remuneration Certificate from the Legal Complaints Service ("LCS") before the Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration Order 2009 came into force. (3 marks)
- 4 Who is presently the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner? (1 mark)
- 5 A report on the regulation of corporate legal work published in March 2009 contained 32 detailed recommendations, the main one being for the creation of a new Corporate Regulation Group. Who commissioned this report? (1 mark)
- 6 At the Regulation Roadshow in Birmingham this year, who announced that in the second phase of their review of legal regulation they would be considering whether the regulatory net should be extended to cover will writing? (1 mark)
- 7 Name the three largest groups providing support and assistance to the legal profession (3 marks)
- 8 Approximately what percentage of the income required to support the activities of the Law Society, the SRA and the LCS is currently collected through practising certificate fees paid for or on behalf of individual solicitors? (1 mark)
- 9 In what month of this year did the Solicitors' (Non-Contentious Business) Remuneration Order 2009 come into force? (1 mark)
- 10 In which city will the new Office for Legal Complaints be based? (1 mark)

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