



The Costs Lawyer Standards Board, setting and maintaining standards in the profession

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LSB Assessment of CLSB Performance during 2016 & 2017

In January 2019, the LSB published its assessment of CLSB performance for years 2016 & 2017. The LSB have been advised the CLSB will be filing a formal complaint in relation to concerns arising from that process.

Costs Lawyer Competence Assessment (CLCA)

Following two year's work on the proposed CLCA, an application was filed in January with the Legal Services Board ("LSB") for their approval of this proposed new means of entry into the profession. In the event the CLCA is approved, the CLSB has secured four independent training companies and a University interested in providing the assessment process, supporting material and CPD for the profession. Any one of them would add gravitas to the Costs Lawyer qualification. However, until such time as the CLCA is approved by the LSB, the CLSB cannot progress that interest.

LSB CEO Resigns

On 5 February 2019, the LSB advised as follows *"I am writing to let you know that our Chief Executive, Neil Buckley, will be stepping down at the end of July. He has decided it is the right moment to stop full time work and to pursue a non-executive portfolio career as well as spending more time with his family."*

CLSB Mark of Regulation ("MoR")

Use of the MoR is free of charge. We have many Costs Lawyers who have signed a licence to use the MoR but don't often see it in use. If you are licensed to use the MoR, do consider using it on your emails, business cards and websites. Under the terms of the licence it must be used in a way that makes it clear it is the Costs Lawyers and not the firm that is regulated. Suggested wording under the MoR: "XX is a Costs Lawyer authorised and regulated by the Costs Lawyer Standards Board."

Email the CLSB at enquiries@clsb.info if:

- You have a licence and require the MoR, we have it in word, JPEG or PDF format.
- You do not have a MoR licence, but would like to sign one.

Client Survey

Just a reminder to issue the client survey (attached) with your client care letters and on completion of an instruction; this provides us with important monitoring information.

Diversity Survey 2019

The CLSB now issues a diversity survey every three years. A diversity survey is scheduled to take place in 2019. On this occasion, we are working on an electronic survey. Upon receipt, please take a few moments to complete it. It comprises of only nine questions, with “prefer not to say” options. Your co-operation in doing so would be appreciated.

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