

## Latest news releases

SRA appoints Sarah Rapson as new Chief Executive Officer

26 June 2025

We have today appointed Sarah Rapson as our new Chief Executive Officer. She will succeed Paul Philip who is retiring later this year after more than a decade in the role.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-chief-executive-named-june-2025/] Report shows small firms keen to adopt technology but barriers still exist

#### 19 June 2025

We have published research looking at sole practitioners and small firms when using new technology and promoting innovation. It found that while firms were keen to embrace new technology, they still faced barriers to adoption.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/small-firms-tech-adoption-research/] First-tier complaints rule changes should help everyone improve

### 30 May 2025

We have launched a consultation on proposed changes to our rules that should help law firms further improve how they define and deal with complaints about their service.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/first-tier-complaints-consultation/] SRA issues record-breaking fine to Kingly Solicitors owner

#### 15 May 2025

We have imposed our largest-ever fine, nearly £4 million, on Nurul Miah, the former non-solicitor owner of Kingly Solicitors. The firm, originally RH Legal (Bristol) Ltd, was shut down by us in 2020 following serious concerns about the misuse of client funds.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/record-breaking-fine/] SRA sets out expanded 2025/26 business plan to address rising risks in legal services



### 08 May 2025

We are consulting on our 2025/26 Business Plan, which outlines an increased programme of work to respond to a rapidly changing legal sector. The business plan covers the final year (November 2025 – October 2026) of our current Corporate Strategy, a period during which the operating environment has continued to evolve at pace.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/business-plan-consultation-2025-2026/] See more news [https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/]

# Other news

<u>Cavity wall insulation claims handled by SSB Group (SSB) and Pure Legal Limited (Pure Legal)</u>

21 July 2025

This information relates to our investigations into reports of misconduct at the former law firms SSB Group and Pure Legal.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/cavity-ssb-group/] Firm anti-money laundering and sanctions data requirements

08 July 2025

All regulated firms must provide us with information on anti-money laundering and sanctions data

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/firm-anti-money-laundering-sanctions-data-requirements/] Firms asked to check turnover information

18 June 2025

To make sure we can calculate the correct periodic fee for every firm of solicitors, we are asking selected firms to check and confirm the turnover information they have given us.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/turnover-validation-2025/] January 2025 SQE2 results published

28 May 2025

Results for the SQE2 sitting in January 2025 have now been published and 1,134 candidates received their results today.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/january-2025-sqe2-results/] SQE1 January 2025 results published

01 April 2025



The results for the SQE1 January 2025 sitting have been published. [https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/sqe1-january-2025-results/] October 2024 SQE2 results

### 20 February 2025

Results for October 2024 SQE2 have now been published and 1,026 candidates received their results today.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/october-2024-sqe2-results/] Update on Post Office Horizon IT scandal investigations

#### 20 February 2025

In light of the conclusion of the evidence-gathering sessions of the public inquiry, we have updated our statement on our investigations into the Post Office Horizon Scandal. While we can't confirm the exact timeline, we are hopeful that we can launch prosecution action in some cases in the summer. This builds on our statements from 2024.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/statement-post-office-feb-2025/] Law firms asked to provide information on complaints handling

### 30 January 2025

We have written to a randomly selected cross section of 750 firms, requiring Compliance Officers (COLPs) to provide information on how their firm identifies and handles first tier complaints.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/first-tier-complaints-survey/] WW&J McClure and Jones Whyte

#### 28 January 2025

We are continuing to deal with outstanding issues related to work and clients of the former firm WW&J McClure Ltd (McClure) which entered administration in 2021.

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/mcclure/] Swiss lawyers working in England and Wales

#### 16 December 2024

<u>If you are Swiss qualified lawyer and you wish to practise in England and Wales, there are a few options for you to consider.</u>

[https://rules.sra.org.uk/sra/news/swiss-lawyers/]