

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1994

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by Articles 74(1) and 75(1) of the Solicitors' (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (as amended) and all other powers enabling them in that behalf and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, hereby make the following regulations under Article 10 of the said Order:-

- 1 These regulations shall be called the Practising Certificate (Amendment) Regulations 1994 and shall come into operation on the , day November 1994.

- 2(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to a statutory instrument.
 - (2) In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:-

"the Order" shall mean the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (as amended);

"the principal regulations" shall mean the Practising Certificate Regulations 1982;

"the Fee Regulations" shall mean the Practising Certificate Fee and Compensation Fund (Annual Contribution) Regulations 1994;

"enhanced fee" shall mean the fee so prescribed from time to time by the Practising Certificate Fee and Compensation Fund (Annual Contribution) Regulations 1994.
 - (3) Other expressions in the regulations shall, except where otherwise stated, have the meanings assigned by the Order and the principal regulations.

- 3 Where an applicant applies to the Registrar for a practising certificate pursuant to Part II of the principal regulations, such application shall be made no later than 5th January in each practice year, unless the applicant,
 - (a) is taking out a first practising certificate, following admission as a solicitor during the course of the practice year; or
 - (b) can satisfy the Registrar that he or she was not at that date engaged in work or employment as a solicitor or otherwise which required him or her to hold a practising certificate.

- 4 If an applicant fails to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 3(a) or (b) the Society may require payment of an enhanced fee; any such requirement shall be without prejudice to the Society's obligations to publish the names of solicitors who have not satisfied the Registrar of their reasons for not applying for practising certificates and subject to the solicitor having a right of review by the Society's Council.

- 5 In the event of a solicitor commencing work or employment during the practice year as a solicitor

or otherwise which requires him to hold a practising certificate he shall immediately make an application to the Registrar pursuant to Part II of the principal regulations.

Made the day of November 1994.

