

Rules, Waivers and Guidance Sub-Committee – solicitor and non-solicitor members

Vacancies will arise at the end of 2017 for several non-solicitor members of the Law Society of Scotland's

Rules, Waivers and Guidance Sub-Committee (RWGSC).

RWGSC is one 12 'regulatory sub-committees', being Sub-Committees of the Regulatory Committee of the Council, which arranges for the exercise of the Council's regulatory functions.

The regulatory sub-committees of the Law Society of Scotland carry out valuable work looking at a range of issues to do with legal practice and protecting the public interest.

The role of RWGSC is essentially to carry out the functions of the Council relating to certain of the Society's practice rules.

The Sub-Committee comprises five solicitor members and five non-solicitor members with the Convener being appointed by the Nominations Committee. The sub-committee meets up to 12 times a year on the first Thursday of each month, dependent on there being sufficient business. At present RWGSC is trialling meetings being scheduled for every second month, with urgent business being considered by email and conference call. Further meetings may be scheduled to consider work on certain projects, as needed.

The Sub-Committee is seeking several non- solicitor members for a three year term, starting from the end of 2017.

Key areas of the sub-committee's work include:

- Considering and developing proposals to amend certain regulatory requirements, in accordance with the Society's obligations to promote the regulatory objectives and aim to adopt best regulatory practice;
- Approving the issue and amendment of Guidance in relation to certain practice rules and areas of legal work;
- Considering and determining applications for waiver of certain practice rule requirements, including, for example, specific requirements of the rules on conflict of interest.

The candidates

Candidates will be:

- Committed to acting to promote regulatory objectives and best regulatory practice;
- willing to listen to and learn from other sub-committee members;
- aware of equality and diversity issues which may affect their role;
- knowledgeable of the legal profession and/or have experience of the legal profession as a consumer.

Requirements

Successful applicants are required to attend a two-hour meeting, on average, every four to eight weeks and occasional additional meetings, if required. Audio conference facilities are available for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. Applicants will also need to

dedicate time to reading papers and information in preparation for the meetings and responding to emails regarding sub-committee work. This is a voluntary position with travel and expenses reimbursed.

To apply, download and complete an application form and return it to the Secretary to RWGSC at secrwgsc@lawscot.org.uk

For more information about this role, please call Samantha Hollywood on 0131 226 8890 or visit www.lawscot.org.uk/committeevacancies