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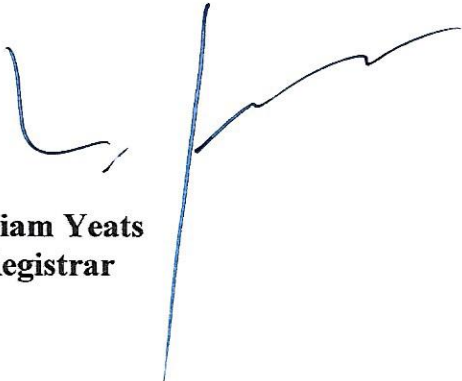
### Legal Services Act 2017

As practitioners will be aware, the Legal Services Act 2017 (“the Act”) was commenced, in part, on the 1 July 2019 (see Legal Notice 126 of 2019). The part commencement allowed for the Legal Services Regulatory Authority (“the LSRA”) and the Law Council to be constituted. At its inaugural meeting, the LSRA, under the chairmanship of Sir Peter Caruana KCMG QC, has appointed me as its interim Chief Executive pending the recruitment of a substantive post-holder.

The LSRA’s registration and regulatory functions have not been commenced – save that it will take over the following:

- the functions of the Admissions & Disciplinary Committee relating to admissions and enrolment and to the Solicitors Accounts Rules;
- the functions of the Registrar under the Solicitors (Practising Certificates) Rules 2005 (although as I have been appointed as the interim Chief Executive there will be very little practical difference for the time being); and
- the powers and duties of the Chief Justice under the Supreme Court (Intervention in Solicitors Practice) Rules 2010.

It is envisaged that the remaining parts of the Act will be commenced and the LSRA will assume responsibility for all of its statutory functions, upon the recruitment of the substantive Chief Executive post-holder and its other staff, which is expected to occur during the autumn.



**Liam Yeats**  
Registrar