

Minutes of the meeting of the CLLS Professional Rules & Regulation Committee (the Committee) held on Thursday 18 December 2025 at 16.00 pm.

**Location:** Kingsley Napley office and Teams

**Present:**

Iain Miller (Kingsley Napley LLP) (Chair) (IM)

Robin Abraham (Clifford Chance LLP) (RA)

Julia Adams (Slaughter and May) (JA)

Niamh Crowdy (Linklaters LLP) (NC)

Jenifer Curley (Sullivan & Cromwell LLP) (JC)

Sonya Foulds (Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton LLP) (SF)

Sarah Lucey (Norton Rose Fullbright LLP) (SL)

Daniel Macaluso (Clyde & Co LLP) (DM)

Angela Pearson (Ashurst LLP) (AP)

Michael Pretty (DLA Piper UK LLP) (MP)

Francesca Turquet (Freshfields LLP) (FT)

Kevin Hart (Law Society) (KH)

Annamaria Forbes (Bird & Bird LLP) (Committee Secretary) (ADF)

**1. Minutes and matters arising**

1.1 The minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2025 were approved.

**2. Apologies**

- Sarah Boland
- Fergal Cathie
- Andrew Cheung
- Claire Wilson

**3. Agenda**

**3.1 SRA Consultation on client money and role of compliance officers**

The Committee agreed to comment on the recent SRA consultation. It had already done so with the first iteration produced by the SRA in Spring 2025. The

Committee will create a subgroup to deal with the first draft. The members are MP JC, and SB.

### 3.2 **Update on the Government consultation on transfer of THE AML supervisory powers**

The Chair will circulate to the Committee a further draft on Monday. The draft will also be sent to the Law Society Crime and Corruption Committee. The final response must be submitted to the SRA by 24 December 2025. It was agreed that a relationship between the SRA and the FCA needed to be established to ensure constructive engagement with the profession.

### 3.3 **Update on finance bill**

The Committee agreed to leave the response to the Law Society Tax Committee.

### 3.4 **SLAPPS – recent cases**

The Committee noted two recent high-profile cases at the SDT which had been dismissed. It also noted that the Ashley Hurst appeal was due to be heard soon.

### 3.5 **CLLS Membership**

KH spoke about succession and ensuring the Law Society Committees remained well attended and had sufficient members with the right skills and expertise. The Committee agreed to review its membership at the next meeting and if it required new members a formal advertisement would be placed.

## 4. **AOB:**

4.1 The Chair confirmed he had met the new Chief Executive of the SRA.

4.3 The Mazur appeal has been listed for 24 February 2026.

4.3 It was noted that the Economic Crime Levy (ECL) had increased its bands and its fees for law firms.

4.4 Date of next meeting Tuesday 17 February 2026.

4.5 There being no further business, the Chair brought the meeting to an end and wished all members a happy Christmas and new year.