

The New Code of Conduct for Solicitors



What does it mean for you ?

From 1st July 2007 all solicitors are subject to a new rule book, operated by a new regulator, the Solicitors Regulatory Authority, (SRA). In compiling the new Code of Conduct the SRA have aimed to set clear professional principles and raise standards of service to clients.

We don't think these will change your experience of Harris & Harris. We think we have met these obligations for years.

The SRA have defined the "core duties" of solicitors as upholding:

- Justice and the rule of law
- Integrity
- Independence
- The best interests of clients
- Standards of service
- Public confidence

We agree with the SRA that these should define the characteristics of a solicitor. We believe they have always been the yardstick against which you have measured our conduct when acting for you, or against you.

There are new rules on the supervision and management of solicitors practices, including risk management, discrimination and equality and diversity policies.

As part of our commitment to you and our achievement of Lexcel accreditation Harris & Harris already meets these requirements.

The new Code puts an emphasis on keeping you informed about work, risks and costs, to enable you to make informed decisions, and agreeing with you how we will work for you.

We try to do this now, balancing what you want & need to know and when, against deluging you with information. The very positive feedback we get from clients leads us to believe we are getting it right. However, if we aren't do tell us.

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