

## Solicitors' Practice (Cross-Border Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 74(1) and 75(1) of the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and all other powers it enabling in that behalf, with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, hereby make the following Regulations for the purposes mentioned in Article 26(1) of the said Order.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Solicitors' Practice (Cross-Border Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006 and shall into operation on 31st December 2006.
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  - (1) The Interpretation Act (NI) 1954 shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as applies to a statutory instrument.
  - (2) In these Regulations the "Principal Regulations" shall mean the Solicitors' Practice Regulations 1987.

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires:-

"the Code" means the Code of Conduct for lawyers in the European Community adopted by the Bars and Law Societies of the European Community on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and reproduced as the Schedule to these Rules.

"cross-border practice" means:

- (i) all professional contacts with lawyers of Member States of the European Community other than the United Kingdom; and
- (ii) the professional activities of a solicitor in a Member State of the European Community other than the United Kingdom, whether or not the solicitor is physically present in that Member State.

- (3) Other expressions in these Regulations have the meanings assigned to them by the Solicitors (NI) Order 1976 and the Principal Regulations.
3. The Solicitors Practice (Cross-Border Code of Conduct) Regulations 2000 are hereby repealed.
4. A solicitor conducting cross-border practice shall observe and be bound by the terms of the Code at all times.
5. The Council shall have the power to waive or modify any of the provisions of these Regulations as they apply to a solicitor in any particular case.