

Latest news releases

SRA acts on concerns about law firm practices on high-volume claims

22 August 2025

Our latest review into how law firms handle high-volume consumer claims has highlighted significant concerns over poor practice.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/high-volume-claims-thematic-2025/] SRA awards £360,000 for disadvantaged candidates to take SQE

06 August 2025

We have distributed £360,000 to 11 organisations to support people from disadvantaged backgrounds with the cost of sitting the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sqe-awards-groups-2025/] SRA and FCA warn law firms and claims management companies over poor practices in motor finance commission claims

31 July 2025

The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) and Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) are warning law firms and claims management companies (CMCs) to make sure they are complying with rules around how motor finance commission claims should be handled.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/car-finance-warning-july-2025/] SRA appoints Sarah Rapson as new Chief Executive Officer

26 June 2025

We have today appointed Sarah Rapson as our new Chief Executive Officer. She will succeed Paul Philip who is retiring later this year after more than a decade in the role.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-chief-executive-named-june-2025/] Report shows small firms keen to adopt technology but barriers still exist

19 June 2025

We have published research looking at sole practitioners and small firms when using new technology and promoting innovation. It found that while firms were keen to embrace new technology, they still faced barriers to adoption.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/small-firms-tech-adoption-research/] See more news [https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/]



Other news



April 2025 SQE2 results published

27 August 2025

Candidates continue to perform well at SQE2. Results show an 84% pass rate among first-time candidates and an overall pass rate of 82% across all 2,753 candidates. More candidates sat SQE2 in April 2025 than before – up 21% on 2024.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/april-2025-sqe2-results/] WW&J McClure and Jones Whyte

13 August 2025

We are continuing to deal with outstanding issues related to work and clients of the former firm WW&J McClure Ltd (McClure's) which entered administration in 2021.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/mcclure/] Motor finance commission claims - the Supreme Court judgment and what we expect from law firms

08 August 2025

The UK Supreme Court judgment of 1 August 2025 decided that, in certain specific circumstances, motor finance companies may have entered unfair relationships with consumers, meaning that commission will be repayable.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/motor-finance-commission-claims/] Law firms and solicitors now allowed to work in India

<u>05 August 2025</u>

The Bar Council of India (BCI) recently changed their rules and now allow solicitors and law firms to provide services by establishing an office in India.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/law-firms-solicitors-work-india/] Cavity wall insulation claims handled by SSB Group (SSB) and Pure Legal Limited (Pure Legal)

21 July 2025

This information relates to our investigations into reports of misconduct at the former law firms SSB Group and Pure Legal.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/cavity-ssb-group/] Firm anti-money laundering and sanctions data requirements

08 July 2025

All regulated firms must provide us with information on anti-money laundering and sanctions data

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/firm-anti-money-laundering-sanctions-data-requirements/] Firms asked to check turnover information

18 June 2025

To make sure we can calculate the correct periodic fee for every firm of solicitors, we are asking selected firms to check and confirm the turnover information they have given us.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/turnover-validation-2025/] January 2025 SQE2 results published

28 May 2025

Results for the SQE2 sitting in January 2025 have now been published and 1,134 candidates received their results today.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/january-2025-sqe2-results/] SQE1 January 2025 results published

01 April 2025

The results for the SQE1 January 2025 sitting have been published.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/sqe1-january-2025-results/] October 2024 SQE2 results

20 February 2025

Results for October 2024 SQE2 have now been published and 1,026 candidates received their results today.

[https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/sra/news/october-2024-sqe2-results/]