



PRESS RELEASE

Society of Will Writers Supports Legal Services Board Proposals

The Society of Will Writers welcomes consultation on the Legal Services Board (LSB) proposals that are published today.

Despite the very real benefits to consumers some will writing entities have shown themselves unwilling to submit to a standard of voluntary regulation that is capable of protecting consumers from the worst business practices.

The LSB has conducted extensive research to confirm these findings. As a result the LSB now recommends that the activity of will writing and the provision of probate services and the administration of estates should be made regulated activities with the aim of ensuring that any and all providers engaged in these activities are subject to regulation.

The Society believes that these proposals should present a real opportunity for will writers to increase their share of the overall market as consumers can have increased confidence when arranging their wills because the provider is always properly regulated.

In accordance with the LSB request for consultation, the Society will be submitting its views (about) supporting the proposals to the LSB.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The Society of Will Writers (SWW) is a non-profit making self regulatory organisation which seeks to Protect the Public and serve the interests of those men and women who are active professionals in our field.

All SWW members are covered by Professional Indemnity Insurance, with the Society main scheme being underwritten by the UK's leading insurance company Hiscox. Members are bound by the SWW's code of practice and disciplinary and complaints procedures, copies of which are available from the society upon request.

All SWW members go through a stringent vetting procedure and continuing training to ensure that they are suitable persons to properly write a will.

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