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[Client money in legal services - safeguarding consumers and providing redress: The model of solicitors holding client money](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/holding-client-money/?s=c) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/holding-client-money/?s=c]

Should we be looking at ways to reduce the client money held by solicitors?

- **Start** — 14 November 2024
- **End** — 21 February 2025
- **Status** — Closed

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[Client money in legal services - safeguarding consumers and providing redress: Protecting the client money that solicitors hold](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/client-money-legal-services/?s=c) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/client-money-legal-services/?s=c]

What controls, checks and balances are appropriate?

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Client money in legal services - safeguarding consumers and providing redress: Delivering and paying for a sustainable compensation fund [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/delivering-sustainable-compensation-fund/?s=c>]

How should payments from the profession be calculated and payments from the Fund to reimburse consumers be allocated?

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Financial Penalties: further developing our framework [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/financial-penalties-further-developing-framework/?s=c>]

We are seeking views on proposals to update our approach to financial penalties in light of our new powers to issue unlimited fines for certain breaches of our rules under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (ECCTA).

- **Start** — 28 June 2024
- **End** — 20 September 2024
- **Status** — Closed

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Arrangements for Regulating Non-Authorised CILEX Members [<https://higher->

[rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/regulating-non-authorised-cilex-members/?s=c](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/regulating-non-authorised-cilex-members/?s=c)

Proposed changes to our regulatory arrangements to allow us to regulate those CILEX members that are not authorised to carry on any reserved legal activities. These include CILEX students, paralegals and affiliates and are known throughout this paper collectively as 'non-authorised CILEX members.'

- **Start** — 20 March 2024
- **End** — 15 May 2024
- **Status** — Closed

Read: [Arrangements for Regulating Non-Authorised CILEX Members](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/regulating-non-authorised-cilex-members/?s=c) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/regulating-non-authorised-cilex-members/?s=c>]

[Business plan and budget 2024-25](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/business-plan-budget-2024-25/?s=c)

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The Business Plan will cover our second year of work under our Corporate Strategy for 2023-26. It describes our proposed work plans and budget for the 12-month period between November 2024 and October 2025

- **Start** — 28 May 2024
- **End** — 2 July 2024
- **Status** — Closed

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[Proposals to change how the English or Welsh language proficiency of qualified lawyers is assured](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/english-welsh-language-proficiency-qualified-lawyers-assured/?s=c) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/english-welsh-language-proficiency-qualified-lawyers-assured/?s=c>]

We are consulting on proposals to change when and how we seek assurance that a qualified lawyer who has been granted an exemption from SQE2 has the English or Welsh language proficiency needed to practise as a solicitor of England and Wales.



- **Start** — 13 December 2023
- **End** — 24 January 2024
- **Status** — Closed, analysis of responses published

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Changes to the rules on Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) exemptions

[<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-listing/changes-rules-sqe-exemptions/?s=c>]

We are consulting on a new rule that would prevent qualified lawyers from being granted an exemption from part or parts of the SQE that they have previously attempted and failed.

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