

The Expert Panel

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The Expert Panel consists of independent subject matter experts who the SRA may call upon to provide expert advice in policy areas as appropriate.

Policy development at the SRA is directed by the Executive under the oversight of the SRA Board. We have a strong focus on stakeholder engagement throughout the lifecycle of our policy work, from early engagement with our Virtual Reference Groups right through to formal [public consultation](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-approach/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/consultation-approach/]. Work with the panel is distinct from any of our wider stakeholder engagement activity,

The panel's role

- Provide advice to help us meet our strategic aims for policy development as set out in the SRA's [corporate strategy](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/]
- Review and comment on policies and strategies.
- Provide challenge, raise relevant issues and concerns or alternative options informed by the members' areas of expertise.

The panel does not have a decision-making function.

Membership

Panel members have been chosen in a personal capacity as experts in their field.

Members are not paid for being on the panel but may be reimbursed reasonable expenses which they incur in fulfilling their role.

Panel members

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[Martin Lodge](#)

Professor of Political Science and Public Policy in the Department of Government and Co-Director of the Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation at the London School of Economics. His research and teaching interests are in the fields of regulation and public administration.

[Rosemary Martin](#)

Rosemary Martin is Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of Vodafone Group Plc. She is a member of The Takeover Panel and the Law Tech Delivery Panel and a trustee of Vodafone Foundation and Lloyds Register Foundation. Prior to joining Vodafone she was CEO of the Practical Law Group and previously had roles as General Counsel of Reuters, as a partner in Rowe & Maw (now Mayer Brown) and as a non-executive director of the Legal Services Board.

Chris Decker

Dr Christopher Decker is a Research Fellow specialising in regulation and Law and Economics at the Centre for Socio Legal Studies in the University of Oxford. He has undertaken research for the Legal Services Board, the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe and the European Parliament. He is also a member of the UK Competition and Markets Authority academic panel and the UK Better Regulation Executive Network of Experts.

Kate Briscoe

Kate is former consumer credit litigator who co-founded LegalBeagles in 2007. LegalBeagles is the UK's busiest legal support forum with 2.8million unique views a year and 124,000 members seeking help for a wide range of civil legal matters. Kate now heads the company as Chief Executive, responsible for leading innovation and growth in the organisation; which currently involves working with AI to deliver access to justice solutions and analysing her extensive consumer data for insights.

Jenifer Swallow

Jenifer is a lawyer, business executive and consultant with extensive experience in the tech industry, including leadership roles at Yahoo! and TransferWise. Currently Director of LawtechUK, a government-backed initiative to transform the legal sector through tech, she appears in the GC Legal 500 PowerList, 2019 Most Influential Women in Payments, and Chambers Global 100 most influential General Counsels. Jenifer is a mother to 2 boys and is passionate about equality and human well-being.

Meetings

The panel may meet as a whole from time to time to provide collective expertise on strategic issues. On an ongoing basis individual, or groups of panel members, will also provide direct input to the SRA on specific matters.