

Notice to all those persons who have applied for higher rights of audience (“HRA”) by way of assessment in September 2012

In March of this year, by way of a posting on this website, we informed all those persons who had applied for HRA by way of assessment in September 2012 of the progress being made in setting a course of voluntary study to be followed shortly thereafter by the assessments themselves.

The Board is pleased to inform applicants that, after lengthy discussions between the Board, the Academy of Law (the educational arm of the Law Society) and the University of Law, a schedule has now been agreed.

In respect of the schedule, it has been determined that to hold the study courses and the assessments over the summer period would result in unwarranted interference with the vacation plans not only of candidates but also of those persons who will assist in the conduct of the study courses and who will conduct the assessments. Accordingly, the study courses and the assessments will take place after the summer break in the months of October and November of this year.

Although exact dates have not yet been set, the intended schedule is to the following effect.

First, in or about the first half of October 2013, the University of Law working in conjunction with the Academy of Law, will run study courses to prepare applicants for their assessments. Such courses will be voluntary. The Academy of Law will be informing applicants of all matters relevant to these courses, more particularly the exact dates when they are to be held.

Second, shortly after the scheduled completion of the study courses, assessments will be conducted. It is anticipated, therefore, that the assessments will take place in or about November 2013.

The Board will inform candidates of the exact dates of the assessments. This will be done once a final schedule has been agreed with the Academy of Law and the University of Law and, importantly, once the availability of those who will conduct the assessments has been confirmed.

In addition to the posting of this notice, all applicants who applied for assessment in September 2012 will be informed directly of the information contained herein.