

## CORE DUTIES OF SOLICITORS

A modern, just society needs a legal profession which adopts high standards of integrity and professionalism. As solicitors, we serve both our clients and society. In serving our clients, we work in partnership making our client's needs our first concern. In serving society, we play our part in upholding the rule of law and the proper administration of justice.

We set out below our core professional duties which set the standards which will meet the needs of both our clients and society. These duties may sometimes mean that we will have to decline to act on your wishes. If so we will explain why.

These obligations are enforceable by our regulatory body, the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Courts. If a solicitor is in breach of the core duties, you can take the matter up with any of these bodies.

Justice and the rule of law	We will uphold the rule of law and the proper administration of justice.
Integrity	We will act with integrity.
Independence	We will not allow our independence to be compromised.
Best interests of clients	We will act in the best interests of our clients.
Standard of service	We will provide a good standard of service to our clients.
Public confidence	We will not behave in a way that is likely to diminish the trust that the public places in us or the profession.