

The future of regulation for CILEX professionals

Jonathan Rees

Independent Chair

Overview

- We consulted in Spring 2023
 - 1000+ responses
 - 2 out of 3 said stay with CRL
- CILEX consultation proposes to replace CRL with the SRA
 - SRA also consulting – in very broad terms
- The proposals are vague with significant and considerable gaps
 - Not costed, nor risk assessed
 - Not tested against regulatory objectives or Better Regulation principles
- CILEX has not proven that it has the legal authority to pursue this
- It says it may **disregard the views of members** in proceeding

**Our role is to ensure you benefit from effective regulation
– by us or by another party – and it's a role we take seriously**



Patricia White

Chartered Legal Executive,
business owner and CILEx
Regulation Board member

What do we need as CILEX members?

- We are specialist lawyers; we are not solicitors - there is a distinct difference between the two
- The difference is recognised by CRL whose members currently benefit from focused regulation, specific to our needs
- CRL is self-funding; the CILEX proposals are uncoded
- We have a role and a voice in the governance and activities of our regulator
- What happens to the independent regulation of 9,000 non-authorised colleagues?

Why is CILEX so willing to disregard our views?





Robert Morris
Interim Chief Executive

Championing the needs of CILEX members

- We're attending the CILEX roadshows and webinars to hear the views and concerns of members
- We held our own consultation in which you told us that regulatory change was **not** a priority
- The Law Society does not support the CILEX proposals
- We have put forward our own comprehensive proposals to continue the development of what we do
- When we find out more information, we will share it on LinkedIn, Twitter and our website
- If you have questions, you **must** formally raise them in the consultation

We cannot, in good conscience, currently reassure members that the CILEX proposals are in your best interests.

CRL's alternative proposition

- 15 years of experience regulating chartered legal professionals
- Determined by LSB to be an effective regulator
- Self-financing and independent, with proposals to improve efficiency further
- Small enough to care – large enough to cope
- A new role championing CILEX fellows
- Support for new businesses: “Law firm in a box”

We would like to sit down with CILEX and work together to craft the future, but CILEX has dismissed our proposals.



Our key questions...

1. How will a change of regulator improve regulation either for members or consumers?
2. Will the 7,000 CILEX Fellows lose the input into regulatory decisions that they currently have?
3. Will CILEX's 9,500 paralegal members lose access to the voluntary, independent regulation that CRL currently provides?
4. How will the public interest be served by making this change?
5. How will SRA champion interests of CILEX members. CRL has committed to a new champion post to do this. Will SRA commit to do same?
6. How much will the change cost and who will pay?

Questions

Please type your questions in the Q&A function, we will cover as many as we can now and publish the rest on our website.

This will affect **your future**.

It's important to **ask questions**,
challenge whether the proposals are in the best
interests of your profession and your clients...

...and **have your say** in the CILEX consultation,
which closes on **5 November**.

*“I don't know why or when
CILEX decided anything was better
than being a Chartered Legal
Executive, but it's very depressing.”*

CILEX member, September 2023

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