

**Annex 7****Draft Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)****Proposal to develop stand-alone litigation practice rights****Date of Assessment:** 30 June 2025**Lead Assessor:** Mark Wood, Head of Education**Introduction and Background**

CRL is consulting on changes to regulatory requirements to enable authorisation of Chartered Legal Executives with stand-alone litigation practice rights. The consultation provides:

- Clarification on the various routes to authorisation of stand-alone litigation practice rights;
- Copy of amended rules to reflect the changes to requirement for members to submit a dual application for both litigation and advocacy practice rights;
- Confirmation of the new authorised titles that will be issued to successful applicants upon approval.

We are conducting a limited Equalities Impact Assessment as part of this consultation.

**Evidence**

Our assessment is qualitative in nature as we have limited empirical evidence on which to base our assessment. We are seeking views from stakeholders as part of our consultation exercise.

**Assessment of Impact by Protected Characteristic**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>Age</b>	CRL believes that introducing the proposed new arrangements for authorisation of stand-alone litigation practice rights would have a positive impact on all protected characteristic groups.
<b>Disability</b>	
<b>Gender re-assignment</b>	CRL will undertake further EDI analysis based on the feedback it received as part of the consultation.
<b>Marriage of civil partnership</b>	No potential for negative impacts have been identified at this stage.
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b>	

<b>Race</b>	
<b>Religion or belief</b>	
<b>Sex</b>	
<b>Sexual orientation</b>	

### **Cumulative Impact and Assessment**

Our initial assessment of the proposal is that they have the potential to have a positive impact on equality and diversity. We, therefore, intend to consult on the proposals.