

LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND

[FORM 6]

**STATUTORY DECLARATION OF TRAINING SOLICITOR AS TO SERVICE BY
TRAINEE SOLICITOR OF ALREADY COMPLETED PERIOD
OF IN-OFFICE TRAINING**

I, of
..... in the City/County of, Solicitor

DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. That (hereinafter referred to as "the trainee solicitor") has been bound to me as a trainee solicitor by indentures of apprenticeship dated the day of 20/by assignment of indentures of apprenticeship dated the day of 20* to serve a period of in-office training which commenced on the day of 20 (being the date that was fourteen days after the date on which the later of the following occurred, namely, the trainee solicitor having duly completed the Society's Professional Practice Course I and the trainee solicitor having sat the last of the individual examinations comprising the Society's Final Examination - Second Part as he/she was required to sit - "the commencement date").

2. Since the commencement date, the trainee solicitor has duly attended on a continuous and full-time basis and (excluding his/her period of attendance on the Professional Practice Course II) has now completed at least months of such period of in-office training at my office at in the City/County of for the purpose of doing work, receiving due instruction and obtaining experience in the practice of law and the practice and profession of a solicitor and has been absent only for certified medical reasons or statutory holidays, totalling not more than working days (save for the following periods and for the following stated or apparent reasons
.....*).

3. I permit the trainee solicitor to attend the Professional Practice Course II on a full-time release basis between the day of 20 and the day of 20 after the due completion by him/her of at least eleven months of his/her period of in-office training commencing on the commencement date.

4. I believe the trainee solicitor has, during the aforesaid period of in-office training, conscientiously endeavoured to do work, to take instruction and to obtain experience as appropriate in the practice of law and the practice and profession of a solicitor.

5. For my part, I have endeavoured (in conjunction with other partners and employed solicitors within my office*) during the trainee solicitor's aforesaid period of in-office training to comply with my covenants and agreements with the trainee solicitor contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the aforesaid indentures of apprenticeship/assignment of indentures of apprenticeship* and, in particular-

(i) I have provided the trainee solicitor with the opportunity to practise drafting, letter writing, interviewing and advising, legal research, negotiation, advocacy and oral presentation and other such skills which are appropriate to the practice of law and the practice and profession of a solicitor **AND** with the opportunity of gaining experience in both contentious and non-contentious work; and

(ii) I have provided the trainee solicitor with instruction in ethical matters appropriate to the practice of law and the practice and profession of a solicitor; and

(iii) I have provided the trainee solicitor with reasonable and appropriate instruction and experience in the areas of legal practice set out in Block 1 and Block 2 (below) **AND in addition**, with reasonable and appropriate instruction and experience in two of the remaining three Blocks (below), that is to say, the area of legal practice set out in Block 3, and/or one of the areas of legal practice set out, respectively, in Block 4 and/or Block 5 (below), (The areas which the trainee solicitor has gained experience in are those areas ticked (✓) below.)

Block 1

Conveyancing and Landlord and Tenant Law

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Block 2

Litigation

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Block 3

Wills Probate and Administration of Estates

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Block 4

Commercial Law

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Company Law

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Insolvency Law

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Block 5

Criminal Law and Procedure

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Employment Law

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European Union Law

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Family Law

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Intellectual Property Law

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Pensions Law

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Planning and Environmental Law

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Revenue Law and Taxation

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Other specialised area(s) of legal practice, namely,

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.....; and

*[6. Insofar as I have not, during the aforesaid already completed period of in-office training, been able to provide (or cause to be provided) within my office reasonable and appropriate instruction and experience in the areas of legal practice set out in Block 1 and Block 2 (above), I say that I made arrangements (with the prior written consent of the Society) for the trainee solicitor to be seconded to

the office of another practising solicitor, namely.....,who practices at.....

in the City/County of for a period of weeks (from to.....) in order that the trainee solicitor be provided with such reasonable and appropriate instruction and experience in the following area(s) of legal practice,namely*.....

AND I have satisfied myself that the trainee solicitor was duly provided by the said other practising solicitor,, with reasonable and appropriate instruction and experience in the said area(s) of legal practice.]

*[7. With the express written consent of the Society, the trainee solicitor was absent from his/her period of in-office training in my office in order to hold an office or engage in employment in the State (or elsewhere) with..... of for a period of months from theday of 20 to the day of 20... AND I have satisfied myself that the experienced thus gained during that period by the trainee solicitor was advantageous to the trainee solicitor in the furtherance of his/her education or training (or both) or his/her preparation for admission to the solicitors profession, and, in particular, experience in]

8. During the aforesaid period of in-office training:

- (a) I permitted the trainee solicitor to maintain a record of work done, instruction received and experience obtained by the trainee solicitor (for production by the trainee solicitor to myself and to the Society, if so requested);
- (b) I ensured adequate arrangements for appropriate guidance of the trainee solicitor, including access by the trainee solicitor to myself (or (an)other partner(s) or employed solicitor(s) within my office*) on a day-to-day basis;
- (c) I made suitable arrangements to monitor the progress of the trainee solicitor on a regular basis and to discuss (or arranged for (an)other partner(s) and/or employed solicitor(s) within my office to discuss*) that progress with the trainee solicitor; and
- (d) I made prompt and adequate arrangements to deal, as necessary, with any reasonable personal concerns of the trainee solicitor.

9. I know of nothing which would suggest that the trainee solicitor is not a fit and proper person to be admitted as a solicitor.

10. The trainee solicitor has not, during the aforesaid already completed period of in-office training, held any office or engaged in any employment other than employment under the aforesaid indentures of apprenticeship/assignment of indentures of apprenticeship (except in the following respect*)

11. I make this **SOLEMN DECLARATION** conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938 and for the satisfaction of the Society.

Declared before me a Commissioner for Oaths
/ Practising Solicitor* by the Declarant who is
personally known to me (or who is personally
identified to me by
who is personally known to me*) at
..... in the City / County
of this day
of 20

Signed
Commissioner for Oaths/ Practising Solicitor*

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Signature of training solicitor/declarant

[*Delete if inapplicable]