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Dear Sirs

Online Duty Solicitor Rota Slot Shop

I have noticed the above on your website <http://www.crime-solicitor.co.uk/dutysolicitorrotaslotshop.htm> and am concerned that you are encouraging your members to put their contract with the Legal Services Commission at risk.

In short – duty solicitors must be employed by the provider. See http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/docs/criminal_contracting/2010_Standard_Crime_Contract_Guidance_version2.pdf on page 1 for clarity on what is “employed”.

Section 6 of the 2010 Standard Crime Contract also makes various references to Duty Solicitors having to be “employed” by the organisation.

Duty Solicitors cannot have “a contract for services” – they must be employed.

‘Employed’ is clarified in the guidance to the 2010 Standard Crime Contract Specification and means a contract of employment for at least two full days per week. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes partners and sole principals of an organisation and excludes consultancy agreements.

I would be grateful for your comments as to changes that you intend to make.

Yours sincerely



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