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## **RE: Client Information (Unregistered Barrister)**

This statement is to explain my status in offering to provide you with legal services.

Although I am qualified as a barrister, I am not entitled to practise as a barrister. I do not have a practising certificate and am not on the register of practising barristers. Therefore, in providing any legal services to you I am not acting as a barrister and I am not subject to many of the rules which regulate practising barristers.

This limits the services I can provide to you. I can provide you with legal advice and represent you before certain Tribunals, but I cannot exercise rights of audience in Court, with the exception of the County Court should your case be allocated to the small claims track and you be present at the hearing.

I aim to provide you with a good service and if you have any concerns about what I do for you, please let me know and I will try to resolve the problem. But you should know that you would have only limited rights to complain about me to anyone else. The Legal Ombudsman, which can adjudicate on complaints about poor service by practising barristers, cannot consider any complaint against me.

If I cannot resolve your concerns, you can complain to the Bar Standards Board and it will investigate whether I have failed to comply with any of the rules which apply to me, but it cannot investigate possible breaches of rules which apply only to practising barristers.

I am not covered by professional indemnity insurance at this time.

In respect of any legal advice I provide, there is a substantial risk that you will not be able to rely on legal advice privilege.

The Bar Standards Board require me to receive written confirmation of this letter before I offer you any legal services.

Best,



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