



The Law Society

## **Internet links – policy**

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### **Mission Statement**

The Law Society links service aims to help you find useful legal materials and related information online. It is aimed primarily at solicitors, but we hope other visitors to our site will find it useful.

Our experienced library team continuously monitors and assesses sites in terms of the criteria stated below. The links are arranged under categories that help you identify sites relevant to your needs.

We endeavour to maintain the currency and accuracy of links. However, the web changes rapidly, so occasionally links will not work, or the information may no longer be as described. Users are invited to alert us to problems, so that we can make appropriate changes.

We welcome suggestions for additional useful sites. All sites will be evaluated against our stated criteria. We therefore reserve the right not to include suggested sites or to delete existing sites, and without stating detailed reasons.

### **Our selection criteria**

#### **The provider**

- The provider of the site should be readily identifiable, reputable and authoritative.
- The source of the data should be clear.
- Contact details should be available on the site.

#### **The content**

- Sites should contain legal or law-related content of interest to solicitors and other Law Society stakeholders.
- Content should relate to UK jurisdictions or European Union legal sources.

We will include a few selected gateway sites on other jurisdictions, instead of links to many, highly specific sites. Academic legal sites will be included only if they offer material of particular interest to practitioners.

- Sites should include legal material not readily available elsewhere on the web.
- Site should be frequently updated.
- Sites should include full-text documents, searchable databases and/or similar useful features.
- Site requiring payment, or whose main purpose is commercial shall only be included if they offer additional legal information for free, that's not readily available elsewhere.
- Sites of law firms or practitioners will be included only if they offer additional legal information of interest to solicitors, that's not commonly available elsewhere.
- Sites containing value-added features are preferred.

### **Design/technical factors**

- Sites must be stable and reliably available.
- The navigation structure should be clear and easy to navigate.
- The site should comply with W3C accessibility guidelines.
- If the site requires special software to be used effectively, this software should be readily available and free to use.

### **Stakeholder websites**

We aim to include the sites of important categories of Law Society stakeholders, such as local law societies for example.

### **Contact us**

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