

From the President



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Dear Ms Raday and colleagues

Practice note - Sharia Succession Rules

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November 2014.

I am writing to provide you with an update on the concerns you have raised with us. I appreciate that you are required to report to the Human Rights Council and I will respond to your questions in more detail in a follow-up to this letter.

We have reviewed our practice note on Sharia succession principles following your feedback, and that of our members and other stakeholders. As you know, the note was intended to support members to better serve clients who had asked for their assets to be distributed in accordance with Sharia succession principles, as far as is allowed by the law of England and Wales.

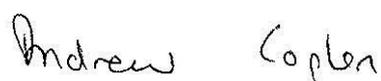
Following this review, we have withdrawn the note and it will no longer be available through our website. We have no plans to amend or replace the note.

We are mindful of the criticism we received and we apologise.

I will write to you again within 60 days of your original correspondence to address your questions specifically.

Thank you for raising your concerns with the Law Society. We have found your comments and insight constructive. I do hope that you will continue to engage with the Society and its work in the future.

Yours sincerely



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