

To whom it concerns,

I appreciate the opportunity to make a submission as part of the LSRA's annual admissions consultation.

For context, I am on the Roll of Practising Barristers and am currently in full-time employment. Given the growth in demand for in-house lawyers across many sectors, one can presume that there has been an increase in employed barristers in Ireland in recent years. Further research on this group (e.g., sectors and profiles) may be worthwhile and provide the LSRA and the profession with valuable insights.

Similar to many other employed barristers, throughout my career I have engaged in continuing professional development and have accessed events and courses provided by, e.g., law schools, professional bodies and law firms, in addition to employer-led initiatives. However, given the absence of a centrally coordinated CPD regime for employed barristers, this is largely carried out voluntarily and not clearly linked to any regulatory framework. The regulatory approach taken here, including when compared with other legal professionals, may be somewhat difficult to understand, including by employers.

I would be very happy to discuss this further and look forward to reading the Annual Report.

Best regards,

