PROTOCOLS

REGULATORY OBJECTIVES

The Regulatory Objectives set out in the Legal Services Act are as follows:

1. protecting and promoting the public interest;
2. supporting the constitutional principle of the rule of law;
3. improving access to justice;
4. protecting and promoting the interests of consumers;
5. promoting competition in the provision of services provided by authorised persons;
6. encouraging an independent, strong, diverse and effective legal profession;
7. increasing public understanding of citizen's legal rights and duties; and
8. promoting and obtaining adherence to the professional principles.

The professional principles referred to above are:

1. authorised persons should act with independence and integrity;
2. authorised persons should maintain proper standards of work;
3. authorised persons should act in the best interests of their clients;
4. persons who exercise before any court a right of audience or conduct litigation in relation to proceedings in any court by virtue of being authorised persons comply with their duty to the court to act with independence in the interest of justice; and
5. the affairs of clients should be kept confidential.