

**COUNCIL**

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**Legal advisers**

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For decision

**Issue:**

As Council members will be aware, the provision of legal advisers to Fitness to Practise hearings was contracted out to First Law in September 2010. First Law has submitted the names of experienced legal advisers who currently sit with the GMC, GDC and NMC. The addition of these legal advisers will provide more experience across the board for both the individual and the FTP panels, will ensure there are sufficient names to call on for future hearings and will increase the list to 18.

**Recommendation:**

Council is recommended to approve the attached list of ten additional legal advisers.

**Annexes**

The following annex is attached to this paper:

Annex 1: Proposed additions to the list of Legal Advisers

**Further information:**

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	<u>LEGAL ADVISER</u>	<u>Booked for Regulatory bodies through First Law</u>	<u>Days sat by Legal adviser through First Law for GMC or NMC (2009/2010)</u>	<u>Appointed by Other Regulatory bodies/ Practice areas/Profile on website</u>	<u>Comments taken from Chairs' feedback forms</u>
1	<b>Adam HIDDLESTON</b> 3 Paper Buildings Call 1990	<b>GMC</b>  <i>NMC 'off panel'</i>	2009 – 25 days 2010 – 40 days	<b>General Dental Council</b> <i>Practises in criminal law for both prosecution and defence. He is an expert in regulatory crime.</i>	Highly competent and helpful, excellent, concise, precise advice. Pleasant to work with. Helpful in drafting
2	<b>Iain ROSS</b> 3 Paper Buildings Call 1991 (November)	<b>GMC &amp; NMC</b>	2009 – 13 2010 – 20 plus	<b>General Dental Council Immigration panel judge</b> <i>A leading junior specialising in high profile criminal cases.</i>	Excellent, very good advice and support. Very helpful and professional.
3	<b>Lucia WHITTLE-MARTIN</b> 3 Paper Buildings Call 1985	<b>GMC</b>  <i>NMC 'off panel'</i>	Started sitting last summer. Has taken on some long cases.	<i>Undertakes all types of criminal work. S(evenly balanced prosecution and defence). Prosecutes serious and complex fraud investigated by the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad. On the list of counsel entitled to prosecute serious sexual offences at the Central Criminal Court.</i>	GMC Appointed July 2010. Outstanding reports gone to GMC reported back to us. NMC: Effective contributions. Very willing to assist as appropriate. Very effective in appropriately supporting an unrepresented registrant. Allowed panel time and space to reach decision and consider reasons. Clear advice and assistance in drafting pronouncements.
4	<b>Andrew DAVIES</b> Henderson Chambers Call 1988	<b>NMC</b>	Sits very frequently each month. Very experienced	<b>General Osteopathic Council CIMA - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants</b> <i>Commercial, business and insurance law, including financial services. Property litigation, Professional negligence Personal injury Member of the Bar's Professional Conduct Committee. Police actions and associated claims against public authorities.</i>	Very experienced. Excellent support, giving appropriate and timely advice as and when appropriate. Particularly helpful in quoting case law. Highly recommended. Very sound, clear, concise, precise advice. Very positive contributions.
5	<b>Linda GOLDMAN</b> Henderson Chambers Call 1990	<b>GMC</b>	2009 – 30 days 2010 – 16 days	<b>General Dental Council Part time Employment Tribunal Judge:</b> East London employment tribunal <i>Employment practice. Litigation and non-contentious work, drafting specialised contracts of employment and specific policies and procedures to promote risk management in the workplace. Sports law, medico-legal, contractual and regulatory issues. Personal injury and clinical negligence</i>	Excellent. Clear Sound succinct advice. Insightful, concise. Professional approach. Helpful with drafting.

<b>6</b>	<b>Mark Piercy</b> Call 1976 Solicitor 2007 (non practicing as barrister since 2007)	<b>NMC</b>	Sits very frequently each month Very experienced	<b>Institute of Actuaries</b>  <i>Barrister: all aspects of family law, court proceedings and advocacy at all levels</i> <i>Solicitor: He is a trained collaborative lawyer and an accredited specialist of Resolution.</i>	Excellent. Very helpful and professional. A pleasure to work with always. Supported the production of determinations. Very willing and concise.
<b>7</b>	<b>Alastair McFARLANE</b> Temple Garden Chambers Call 1985	<b>GMC</b>	<b>GMC</b> – 25 days  NMC 2009 – 81 2010 – 46	<b>Deputy District Judge</b> <b>General Pharmaceutical Council</b> <b>General Osteopathic Council</b> <b>Parking-Adjudicator for the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service Tribunal</b>  <i>Insurance, personal, injury, fatal accidents, Employer liability cases and claims under the Animals Act.</i> <i>Member of Criminal Bar Association</i>	Outstanding support to panel. Pleasure to work with. Very experienced and skilled. Excellent Job especially with assisting unrepresented registrant. Good balanced advice. Very good at drafting decisions/reasons based on panels' deliberation. Very personable
<b>8</b>	<b>William HOSKINS</b> Temple Garden Chambers Call 1980	<i>NMC 'off panel'</i>	<b>NMC</b> 2009 – 37 days 2010 – 21 days	<b>General Dental Council</b>  <i>Coroners &amp; Inquest, Employment, Insurance, Personal Injury &amp; Fatal Accidents, Public Law</i>	Excellent, brilliant LA skills. Good advice, very knowledgeable. Not intrusive. Clear, concise. Very nice manner, Perfect balance of professionalism and assisting panel
<b>9</b>	<b>Paul KILCOYNE</b> Temple Garden Chambers Call 1985	<b>NMC</b>	<b>NMC</b> 2009 +2010 – 38 days	<i>Strong reputation in personal injury and clinical negligence.</i> <i>Coroners &amp; Inquests, Health &amp; Safety, Personal Injury &amp; Fatal accident</i>	Really excellent. Very helpful and supportive. Performed very well in the presence of a very aggressive and hostile respondent. Couldn't have been better.
<b>10</b>	<b>Irena RAY-CROSBY</b> Westgate Chambers, Lewes, E. Sussex Call 1990	<b>NMC</b>  <i>GMC 'off panel' helped out on a couple of hearings in 2010</i>	<b>NMC</b> 2009 – 61 days 2010 – 30 days  <b>GMC</b> 2010 – 7 days	<b>General Dental Council</b> <b>President Mental Health Review Tribunal since 1999</b> <b>Deputy District Judge (Magistrates Court) since 2000.</b>  <i>Member of Criminal Bar Association Sussex, Surrey &amp; Central London Bar Mess</i>	Excellent succinct support to panel throughout. Outstanding support. Highly professional approach. Intervenes appropriately. Exceptionally supportive when drafting reasons Positive contribution. Very knowledgeable. A pleasure to work with. Pleasant lady.