

Advocate-General



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§ I. Terms of review

Quality-of-regulation reviews aim to establish whether or not an application demonstrably complies with our published standards for excellence. Reviews are merely expressions of our opinion and, as such, do not constitute legal advice.

Our published standards for excellence shall be defined as follows:

- 1) As far as legal services and law-related services, full compliance with: applicable provisions within our Basic Principles for Governance; our Professional Code of Conduct; any supplemental requirements issued by the Advocate-General.
- 2) As far as other services, full compliance with: applicable provisions within our Basic Principles for Governance; applicable rules and regulations; any supplemental requirements as the Advocate-General may promulgate from time to time.
- 3) As far as regulations and official acts of government, full compliance with: our Basic Principles for Governance; any supplemental requirements issued by the Advocate-General.
- 4) As far as corporate governance, full compliance with: applicable provisions within our Basic Principles for Governance; any supplemental requirements issued by the Advocate-General.

Upon our receipt of an application and any fees, the Advocate-General issues a Quality-of-Regulation Notice, which starts the formal review process, which must then be concluded within 90 days.

To determine eligibility for certification, we will examine and review any publicly accessible information of which we have become aware and any additional information provided by the applicant. We may ask the applicant to provide additional information. All information provided by the applicant shall be treated as privileged, private, and confidential.

CONDITIONS FOR QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Upon completing our review, the Advocate-General shall issue a Quality-of-Regulation Report to the applicant. If the Advocate-General determines that an application meets our excellence definition, the report will contain a “finding of compliance” and be accompanied by a LegalTrust Certified™ diploma free of charge. If the Advocate-General finds that an application does not meet our excellence definition, the report will contain a “finding of non-compliance” and suggestions for improvements.

§ II. Terms of use

To ensure consistent quality, we may continuously monitor the activities of licensees as may be manifest on their websites, through inquiries, or otherwise. We maintain a registry of complaints and alleged instances of noncompliance.

We reserve the right to revoke or non-renew a certificate. Reasons for non-renewal or annulment are not published except that it will be stated that “this certificate has been annulled due to a finding of non-compliance.” Advance notice of non-compliance may be given, in which event licensee will have 30 days to respond and address any shortcomings to avoid non-renewal or annulment.

Certificates are valid for two years from the date they were issued. Certificates that were issued at our initiative are dated from the date the invitation was published in the ILA Registry. Invitations are valid for 90 days from the date of their publication in the ILA Registry. Certificates will bear a “valid from” and “valid until” indicator.” 30 days before a certificate expires, we may invite Licensee to renew the certificate and indicate what additional information and documentation must be provided, if any. If a certificate is renewed, a new certificate will be issued in lieu of the expired certificate.

Licensee may use the certificate only in connection with the products or services for which it was issued. Licensee may use it for marketing and information purposes. Certificates are non-transferable.

A certificate is a symbolic manifestation of listing in the Registry. Each certificate shall bear an indication of its registry number, an issuance date, and an expiration date. A certificate is not valid unless the corresponding number is published in the current electronic version of the ILA Registry. Certificates that have expired or been revoked are deleted from the current electronic version of the ILA Registry.

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