Ethics Focus: Topical Considerations for In-House Counsel

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Statement by Post Office's ex-CEO Paula Vennells on GC Susan Crichton:

'[She] was possibly more loyal to her professional conduct requirements and put her integrity as a lawyer above the interests of the business.'



Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA): New Resources for In-house Solicitors

1. Advice for your employer

Draft guidance designed for you to share with your employer(s). This material explains a solicitor's professional obligations, outlines how these may impact what they can or can't do, and provides advice on how an organisation which employs solicitors can support them in their role.

2. Reporting concerns of employer wrongdoing

Draft guidance which aims to help you better understand your professional obligations when there is concern about actions or decisions taken by the organisation that employs you. This includes escalating and reporting your concerns internally, and when you should consider making a report to external authorities.

3. Working on internal investigations

Relevant to both in-house solicitors, and those working in law firms, the SRA has published draft guidance designed to help you understand and manage regulatory risks and issues associated with conducting an internal investigation.

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What in-house needs from reform of legal regulation (Law Society Gazette, 15 August 2024)

"Calls to review, reform or replace the 2007 regime are growing louder. And if we want any changes to guard, as far as possible, against lawyers being at the centre of future scandals, we cannot afford to ignore in-house lawyers and the commercial and City firms they instruct."