



COLP COFA checklist

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Action	Yes	No	Comments
Nomination in?			
Received approval from SRA?			
Access to all necessary information?			
Considered need for indemnities from partnership/ revisions needed to partnership deed?/separate agreement needed with authority to act/report etc?			
Considered additional COLP/COFA insurance need?			
Job description needed?			
Deputy needed/delegation? If so, are reporting lines clearly set up?			
Ensuring compliance			
Read and understood the SRA Handbook?			
Revised office manual?			
Identified risks to business? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming sessions? • Prepared risk register? • Gap analysis prepared? • Prepared compliance plan?			
Staff training on OFR, COLP/COFA roles and whistleblowing?			
Set up regular meetings with key personnel? E.g. complaints Partner/COLP and COFA/Risk committee			

Monitoring			
Controls put in place?			
Testing procedures considered and put into effect?			
Records for evidencing monitoring set up? E.g. Monthly compliance monitoring form			
Red flags identified?			
Reporting			
Whistleblowing policy?			
Clear reporting lines?			
Internal Breach Report Form needed for staff to report?			
Breach review/Record of Breaches form set up?			
Annual information report and changes to key personnel – diarised and person responsible for completion identified			
Assistance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COLP/COFA Forum • Law Society Risk and Compliance service? • Helpline subscription? • Compliance Healthcheck? • IT software? • External audit? 			



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