

Bar Council Direct Professional Access

The Bar Council of Ireland has authorised IMCA as an Approved Organisation under the Direct Professional Access Scheme of the Bar Council of Ireland which allows IMCA members direct access to members of the services of Barristers in non-contentious matters.

IMCA members can now instruct barristers directly without the requirement first to consult a solicitor, in non-contentious situations (i.e. situations which do not involve a court visit).

This can be very useful where a member requires a legal opinion on a business matter concerning the interpretation of the law, contracts or agreements.

Fees payable to barristers are a matter for negotiation between the member and the barrister.

The Direct Professional Access Scheme began in 1990 and indications are that it will be used more extensively in the future to afford a wide access to the reservoir of talent and skills available from independent professional barristers practising at the Bar.

More information on the direct professional access scheme can be found from the website www.barcouncil.ie.