

Information and networking event for Ukrainian Lawyers



Working as a Ukrainian Lawyer whilst in Ireland

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- What can a person who is not admitted and enrolled on the Roll of Solicitors do in terms of providing legal services in Ireland?
 - Unreserved legal services
 - The Solicitors Acts 1954-2015 does not define unreserved legal services
- A person who is admitted and enrolled on the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland cannot provide legal services of any kind, reserved or unreserved, without a practising certificate

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- What is a non-solicitor prohibited from doing in Ireland?
 - Reserved legal services under section 58 of the Solicitors Act 1954
 - These are services that can only be provided by a practising solicitor or practising barrister
 - It is a criminal offence for a person who is not a solicitor with a practising certificate to provide reserved legal services for a fee
- What are reserved legal services?
 - Litigation
 - Conveyancing
 - Probate

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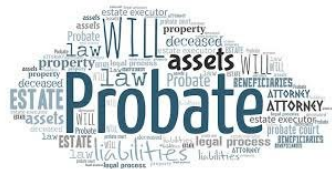
- Litigation – The process of taking a legal action between two parties which may be taken to a court so that a final decision may be determined



- Conveyancing – The process of changing legal ownership of property or land from one person to another person



- Probate – The process of preparing documents seeking authority to access the assets of a deceased person and distributing them with or without a Will



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- There are exceptions to this prohibition under section 58(3) of the Solicitors Act 1954
- Relevant exception under section 58(3)(g) of the Solicitors Act 1954
 - an act done by a person in the employment of a practising barrister or a solicitor qualified to practise and while acting in the course of such employment by the direction and under the supervision of his employer.

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- What titles can be used by a person who is not a solicitor?
 - The term “*solicitor*” is protected by law and it is a criminal offence to use this title where a person is not a solicitor entitled to practice
 - The term “*barrister*” is also protected by law and it is also an offence to use this title where a person is not a barrister entitled to practice
 - An appropriate use of title for a lawyer qualified in another jurisdiction who is not on the Roll of Solicitors for example is “*Lawyer (country qualified; Ukraine)*”.