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Hi,

I have seen the request for contributions from practitioners in relation to the provision of legal services.

I note that the Law Society of England and Wales have recently introduced a pathway for legal executives with the requisite experience and skill in one area of law to qualify as a solicitor in that area of law.

As a firm owner who employs a legal executive with over 12 years' experience, I would welcome such an introduction to the Irish market. I expect I have many colleagues who also rely on their highly skilled legal executives and would welcome a pathway for them to join the Law Society.

I expect there is a far higher proportion of female legal executives to male, and this has possibly something to do with them taking time out for motherhood etc and not being able to commit to the somewhat arduous FE1 and training contract process.

I expect for as many colleagues may support such a move, there will be a similar number opposed but believe it is worth dialogue and exploration as to the benefits this could bring the legal profession in Ireland.

Kind regards,

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