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### April

[Annual conference gives SQE updates, 11 April 2025](#)

[More than 900 delegates joined this year's SQE Virtual Conference live online. Many more are expected to catch up with the three sessions on YouTube over the coming weeks.](#)

[<https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sqe-annual-conference/>]

### March

[Our approach to SLAPPs cases, 24 March 2025](#)

[Concerns remain about solicitors getting involved in abusive litigation aimed at silencing legitimate criticism – known as SLAPPs \(strategic litigation against public participation\).](#)

[<https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/approach-slapps/>] [Third year review of SQE shows continued improvements, 11 March 2025](#)

[The Solicitors Qualifying Examination \(SQE\) Independent Reviewer has confirmed the assessment is robust and the outcomes are fair.](#)

[<https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sqe-annual-report-24-25/>] [SRA launches fund to support disadvantaged candidates sit the SQE, 11 March 2025](#)

[Organisations supporting aspiring solicitors from disadvantaged backgrounds are invited to apply for funding to cover candidates' costs of sitting the Solicitors Qualifying Examination \(SQE\).](#)

[<https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/fund-disadvantaged-candidates/>]

### February



[SRA Chief Executive to retire, 27 February 2025](#)

[After nearly 12 years as Chief Executive, Paul Philip will be retiring from the Solicitors Regulation Authority \(SRA\) towards the end of 2025, once a suitable replacement has been found.](#)

[\[https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sra-chief-executive-retire/\]](https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/sra-chief-executive-retire/) [Study shows a universal approach could help consumer vulnerability in the legal market, 05 February 2025](#)

[We have published an independent study into consumer vulnerability in the legal market, as part of our ongoing commitment to improving access to legal services.](#)

[\[https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/client-vulnerability-research/\]](https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/client-vulnerability-research/)

## **January**

[SRA Board welcomes new members, 09 January 2025](#)

[Our Board has welcomed two new lay members, Simon Millhouse and Claudio Pollack. Simon and Claudio joined the Board this January following the departure of Selina Ullah and Paul Loft, who completed six and seven years respectively at the end of 2024.](#)

[\[https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-board-members-2025/\]](https://update.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/new-board-members-2025/)