

Please help the Law Society's vital research on legal aid bureaucracy

The Law Society has commissioned Frontier Economics to research the costs imposed by the burden of legal aid billing processes and supervision requirements and how these processes affect providers' willingness to take on legal aid work.

The research aims to gather evidence on the administrative pressures faced by legal aid providers and to identify where reform could have the greatest practical impact.

We know many practitioners have spent a lot of time on other surveys and there is a degree of irony in another survey about legal aid bureaucracy but your input is vital in helping key decision-makers in the government better understand the practical realities of delivering legal aid. There is a new Ministerial team and they will be looking for updated information.

Please complete the survey by 1 September: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/W4FK7R/>

One of Resolution's Legal Aid Committee Members commented that the survey is detailed and may require input from different people within a firm.

Frontier Economics has said: "[We] appreciate that the survey is detailed, particularly for larger organisations where input may need to be coordinated across colleagues. That reflects the breadth of processes we are trying to capture.....we are happy to discuss, to the extent this would be helpful, and we can provide an offline version of the survey if that would make internal coordination easier. Please let us know if there is anything else you think we could do to make the process more manageable."

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