

REGULATIONS ON THE MANDATE THAT A LAWYER DOES NOT RECEIVE DIRECTLY FROM HIS CLIENT

Article 1

A lawyer who does not receive his mandate directly from his client:

- must verify the identity of the party commissioning his services as well as that of the client;
- must satisfy himself as to the good faith of the party commissioning his services and ensure that party's activity is not unlawful;
- must satisfy himself that the client's free choice of lawyer was guaranteed;
- must only act on his instructions if he obtains a mandate from the client, or if the party commissioning his services was duly authorised by the client to appoint a lawyer;
- must satisfy himself with regard to the case for which he is appointed that no conflict of interests exists between the party commissioning his services and the client;
- must observe professional privilege when interacting with the party that commissioned his services.

Article 2

In accordance with Articles 496 and 507 of the Belgian Judicial Code, these regulations replace the following regulations of the Belgian National Bar Council:

- regulations of 22 April 1986 on legal expenses insurance – free choice of lawyer;
- regulations of 28 June 1990 on relationships between authorised agents and lawyers.

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