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## **Reaction to QASA Judicial Review Judgment**

Reacting to this morning's judgment by the of Court of Appeal to dismiss the Judicial Review of Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (QASA), Elisabeth Davies, Chair of the Legal Services Consumer Panel, said:

*"We're delighted that the Court of Appeal has comprehensively supported the High Court's judgment. Over eight years have passed since a quality assurance scheme for criminal advocacy was first proposed and the public shouldn't have to wait any longer for this important mechanism to be put in place. We urge the claimants to accept today's decision to help bring about swift implementation of the scheme."*

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### **Notes to editors**

1. The Legal Services Consumer Panel was established under the Legal Services Act 2007 to provide independent advice to the Legal Services Board about the interests of consumers of legal services in England and Wales. We investigate issues that affect consumers and use this information to influence decisions about the regulation of legal services.