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## **APL Compliance Review Audit**

As a Licensed Conveyancing firm, APL are unable to apply for the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme(CQS).

As a consequence its directors instructed Juanita Gobby of [Legal Eye Ltd](#) - compliance specialists, auditors, Lexcel consultants and CPD trainers accredited by the Law Society and the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) - to carry out a full 'on site' audit of the firm focusing on 'Best practice, Compliance and Risk Management'.

She assessed APL's processes and procedures against both CQS criteria (a self certified scheme) and the more demanding externally vetted Lexcel standard.

In addition she carried out an audit of both live and completed files for each fee earner and reported as follows;

'All the files I reviewed were of a high standard and it was clear that all fee earners and assistants were working to the same service levels using in a consistent manner the firm's case management system, precedents and procedures'.

Her conclusion was that 'APL currently complies in all respects with the relevant criteria set out for membership of both the CQS and Lexcel schemes'.