

## Press Release

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### TAYLOR WALTON AWARDED NEW QUALITY KITEMARK FOR CONVEYANCING

**Taylor Walton solicitors have been awarded a new quality kitemark for its residential conveyancing service. The new Conveyancing Quality Scheme has recently been launched by the Law Society and enables buyers and sellers to select from a trusted community of solicitors who have gone through a rigorous process of accreditation to show that they deliver a quality service to their clients.**

Moving house remains one of the biggest financial commitments of our lives. However, finding the right solicitor to deal with the legal side of the move has, until now, largely been left to the luck of the draw.

A new quality kitemark for conveyancing solicitors, called Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CQS) has recently been launched by the Law Society. CQS enables buyers and sellers to select from a trusted community of solicitors who have gone through a rigorous process of accreditation to show that they deliver a quality service to their clients. Consumers will now be able to distinguish between those solicitors who are serious about conveyancing and those who just dabble in it.

The new quality scheme has been designed to raise the reputation of conveyancing solicitors, provide reassurance about integrity and practice standards, combat fraud and provide a more effective service for clients.

John Wotton, vice president of the Law Society says;

"The CQS scheme is rigorous and requires law practices to undergo strict assessment, training, audits and annual reviews in order to continue to inspire confidence in clients, lenders and the general public."

Taylor Walton's conveyancing team is widely recognised for its expertise within the residential property sector. Richard Atkins, a Conveyancing Partner at Taylor Walton

and former General Secretary of The Conveyancing Association, believes CQS could spell the end of conveyancing by small firms of solicitors.

"Until now the public could be forgiven for thinking that all solicitors are the same. Some solicitors do little or no conveyancing, whereas others, like us, only use trained and experienced personnel, but you wouldn't know this from looking at an advert or checking on the internet. Mortgage lenders are also now saying they won't allow some small firms to do their legal work as part of the mortgage."

"The public are entitled to know that the solicitor they are dealing with has been thoroughly vetted and can be trusted to deal with the very large sums of money involved in the conveyancing process" says Richard.

Taylor Walton has offices in Harpenden, Luton and St Albans and is the first law firm in any of these towns to be awarded the new Conveyancing Quality Scheme standard.

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### **About Taylor Walton**

Taylor Walton is a 25 partner firm with three offices strategically located close to but not in London.

Taylor Walton is highly rated by leading independent legal directory The Legal 500 that ranks a number of its teams in the top division of South East firms, and quotes clients as describing the firm as "commercial, pragmatic and quick".

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