

Corporate transactions: Law Society publishes new Q&A on electronic signatures and virtual executions

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To help address some frequently occurring questions that can arise when conducting virtual completions and using e-signatures, a Working Group of the Law Society Company Law Committee, which included our Knowledge Director Emma Grant, has published a useful Q&A offering clear practical advice on how to comply with execution formalities. For example, it outlines how a witness can still be physically present even where they are required to socially distance by witnessing through a window (whether open or closed) – the key factors being the witness' physical presence and ability to see the signatory sign the relevant document.

Whilst the Q&A is primarily aimed at lawyers conducting virtual completions on a regular basis, much of the guidance may also be useful to non-lawyers who are co-ordinating remote completion of legal documents.

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