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## Companies House Newsletter

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### Witnessing of Documents Filed at Companies House

A number of documents filed at Companies House need to be witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths.

- Under Section 4 (i) of the Commissioner for Oaths Act; a Commissioner for oaths may administer any oath or take any affidavit or declaration for the purposes of any matter required to be sworn, declared and attested under any law relating to the registration of instruments or documents or under any law relating to passports, or under any law relating to any matter whatsoever; saving and excepting any oath under the Oaths Act and all such matters as may be provided for by the rules of court made under section 38 of the Supreme Court Act.
- Provided that a commissioner for oaths shall not exercise any of the powers given by this section in any proceeding in which he is barrister or solicitor to any of the parties to the proceeding, or clerk to such barrister or solicitor, or in which he is interested

Companies House would like to draw attention to the fact that a Commissioner for Oaths should not exercise his powers in any proceedings or matter in which he is interested—“interest” should not be interpreted in too narrow a manner

Commissioners for Oaths should bear in mind such restrictions when they are asked to witness any document

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