## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOLICITORS' WINE SOCIETY

## HELD AT 6.45PM ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS LLP, EXCHANGE HOUSE, PRIMROSE STREET, LONDON EC2A 2EG

A quorum of members being present, Johnny Nichols, President of the Society, took the chair.

- 1. Apologies for absence that had been received were duly noted.
- 2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 May 2022 were approved.
- 3. The Report of the Society's Chairman was received and approved.
- 4. The Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2022, previously circulated, was approved.
- 5. Mervyn Parry was re-elected to the post of Honorary Treasurer.
- 6. The following members were elected to the Committee of the Society, approved by the meeting "en bloc": Iain Connor; Andrew Denny; Nigel Farr; Duncan Holden; John Lee; Will Robertson; Megan Schellinger; and Steve Thierbach.
- 7. Amendments to the Constitution of the Society to widen the scope of qualification for membership of the Society, and for serving on the Committee of the Society, as detailed in the Special Resolutions circulated in advance of the meeting, were approved.
- 8. It was noted that no resolutions had been submitted by members prior to the Meeting.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed:

Chair of the Meeting

Solicitors' Wine Society

Special Resolution to be proposed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting

That Rule 3 of the Constitution of the Society be amended such that it reads as follows (new wording shown underlined and wording to be deleted shown struck-through):

"Membership shall be open to all members of the Law Society, solicitors holding a practising certificate; solicitors in employment eligible to hold a practising certificate; retired or former solicitors who have previously held or been eligible to hold a practising certificate; currently practising or former barristers; lawyers or former lawyers qualified in an overseas jurisdiction whether or not they are currently practising or whether or not they who have practised in the United Kingdom and who or are or were registered as foreign lawyers with the Law Society; and trainee solicitors; legal executives; solicitor apprentices; those engaged in the provision of legal education at a University or similar academic setting; and any persons holding or studying towards obtaining any aforementioned qualifications while working in a legal professional practice or as part of a team or group engaged in the provision of legal advice otherwise than in a legal professional practice. Honorary membership may be conferred upon certain other people as set out in Rule 7, hereunder."

That Rule 18(ii) of the Constitution of the Society be amended such that it reads as follows (new wording shown underlined):

"Unless otherwise approved at the Annual General Meeting in question, and subject to paragraph (iii) of this rule, a Committee Member shall not be eligible for re-election at an Annual General Meeting if such Member shall have been re-elected at each of the five preceding Annual General Meetings but shall be eligible for election at the next following Annual General Meeting."