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Opportunities for Cooperation among Legal Regulators

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Possible Areas of Cooperation

- Sharing of information
- Cooperation in investigation/discipline
- Cooperation at disciplinary stage
- Common standards for conduct
- Common standards for regulatory processes

Sharing of Information

- At the investigation stage
- Post discipline



Cooperation in Investigation

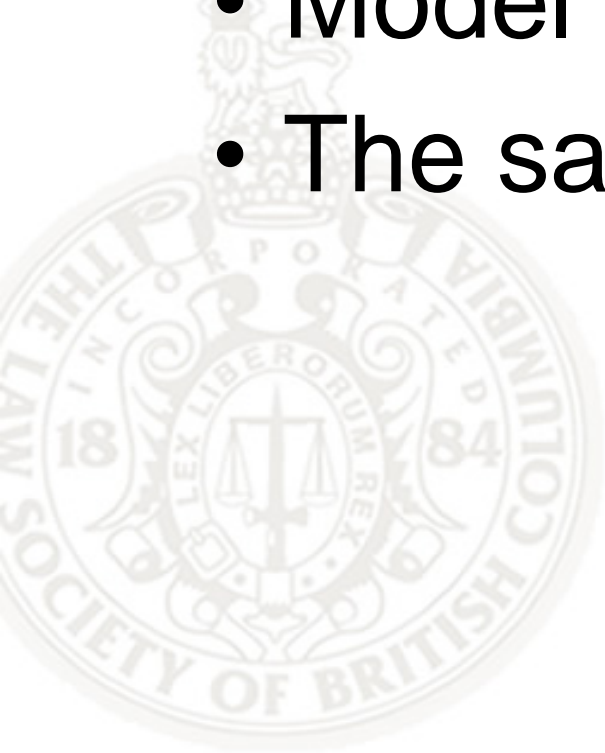
- Consultation on how to investigate
- Collaboration in gathering evidence
- Assisting others in their investigations where you are not investigating
- Joint investigation

Post Investigation

- Evidence of infraction from another jurisdiction tendered as evidence of misconduct in another
- Tendering of discipline record from another jurisdiction at sanctioning stage
- Joint disciplinary hearings
- Suspension or disbarment from one jurisdiction imposed in another

Common Standards for Conduct

- Model standards
- The same standards



Common Standards for Regulatory Processes



Benefits of Cooperation

- Efficiencies
- Effectiveness
- Reduces burden on witnesses
- Minimizes unfairness and double jeopardy arguments
- Reduces risk of inconsistent results
- Harmonization enhances clarity of expectations – reduces risk of infractions
- Enhances credibility and public confidence