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Legal Service Board – oversees the regulatory bodies of Solicitors, barristers and Legal Executives

The Bar Council – represents barristers; promote a high standard of work; ‘trade union’ for barristers with the appropriate govt dept; promotes fair access to justice; ensures high standard of work; promotes business opportunities; disciplines barristers if they breach the code of practice

Bar Standards Board – regulates the profession of barristers; sets training/entry standards; sets out the Code of Conduct which Barristers have to abide by; can discipline any Barrister who is in breach of the code or transfer it to a Disciplinary Tribunal; imposes sanctions

Law Society – governing body of Solicitors; raises the profile of the progression; voice of solicitors in appropriate govt dept; supports, promotes and represents Solicitors; ensures no one is above the law; solicitors must join it so as to be able to practice; raises legal issues with the government

Solicitors Regulation Authority – handles complaints about professional misconduct of solicitors; investigates complaints; refer complaints to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal; can reprimand Solicitors; can uphold the complaint or a fine; can:
-strike off (=no longer) solicitors
-suspend (=can still practice) solicitors

CILEx – provides education, training, and development of skills for legal executives; protects the status and interests of legal executives; publishes a Code of Conduct for Legal Executives

CILEx Regulation Board – investigates complaints against Legal executives; a summary of the Investigation is put to the Professional Conduct Panel (decides if there has been a misconduct); can reprimand members or refer them to the Disciplinary Tribunal (can fine, reprimand or exclude people)

Legal Ombudsman – deals with complaints about the handling of complaints in the Legal Profession; can order the legal professional to make an apology to the client; return documents to the client; put things right if possible; refund or reduce legal fees; pay compensation up to £30,000; every industry has an ombudsman

Effective	Ineffective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each organisation specialises in the area they are regulating Can educate + provide support, not just punish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harsh fines for barristers 8 organisations involved in regulation => inefficient; wouldn't it be better with one or two regulatory organisations?

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