Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 120(4) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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The Conditional Fee Agreements (Amendment) Order 2010

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Coming into force in accordance with article 1

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 58(4)(a) and (c) and 120(3) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990(**1**).

The Lord Chancellor has consulted the designated judges, the General Council of the Bar, the Law Society and such other bodies as he considered appropriate in accordance with section 58A(5) of that Act.

A draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 120(4) of that Act.

Accordingly the Lord Chancellor makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Conditional Fee Agreements (Amendment) Order 2010 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) In this Order "the 2000 Order" means the Conditional Fee Agreements Order 2000(**2**).

Amendment of the 2000 Order

2.—(1) The 2000 Order is amended as follows.

(2) In article 4 at the end insert "except as provided for in article 5".

(3) After article 4 insert—

"**5.** In relation to defamation proceedings (within the meaning of Part 53 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998(**3**)), the percentage specified for the purposes of section 58(4)(c) of the Act is 10%."

(**1**) 1990 c. 41.
(**2**) S.I. 2000/823.
(**3**) S.I. 1998/3132. Part 53 is amended by S.I. 2000/221.