FCA Consultation Paper CP 19/6

**Changes to align the FCA Handbook
with the EU Prospectus Regulation**

Law Society and City of London Law Society
joint response

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Introduction

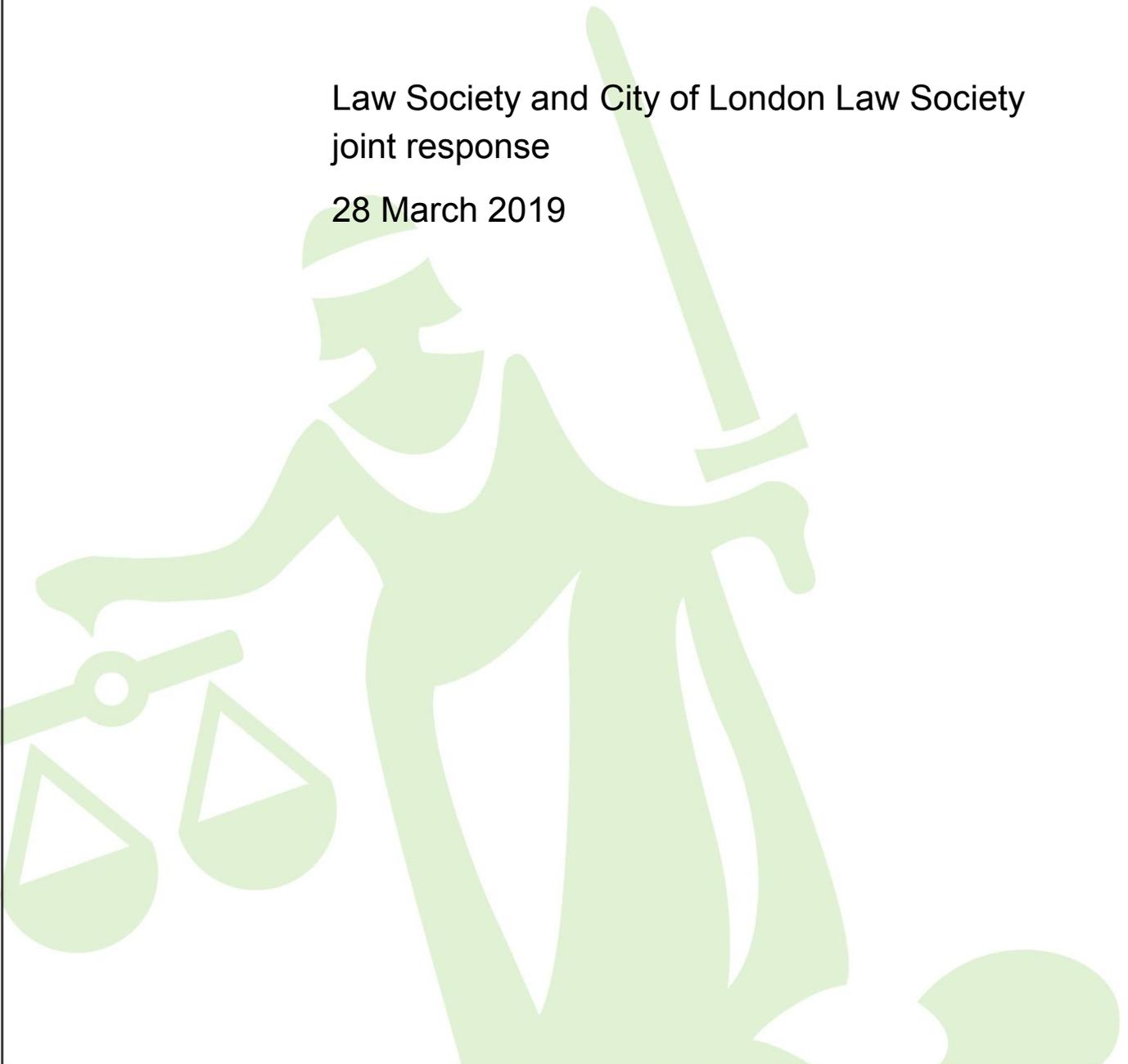1. The views set out in this paper have been prepared by a Joint Working Party of the Company Law Committees of the City of London Law Society (**CLLS**) and the Law Society of England and Wales (the **Law Society**).

2. The CLLS represents approximately 17,000 City lawyers through individual and corporate membership, including some of the largest international law firms in the world. These law firms advise a variety of clients from multinational companies and financial institutions to Government departments, often in relation to complex, multijurisdictional legal issues. The CLLS responds to a variety of consultations on issues of importance to its members through its 19 specialist committees.

3. The Law Society is the professional body for solicitors in England and Wales, representing over 160,000 registered legal practitioners. It represents the profession to Parliament, Government and regulatory bodies in both the domestic and European arena and has a public interest in the reform of the law.

4. The Joint Working Party is made up of senior and specialist corporate lawyers from both the CLLS and the Law Society who have a particular focus on issues relating to capital markets.

Response

5. We refer to the FCA's Consultation Paper (CP 19/6) which proposes changes to the FCA Handbook to align it with the EU Prospectus Regulation in a scenario where the UK enters into an implementation period following its withdrawal from the EU.

6. Having reviewed the response to this consultation prepared by the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME), we confirm that our Joint Working Party endorses the substantive comments set out in that response.

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