

Alternative Business Structures, Alternative Business Values?

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- A long journey
- From cottage industry to modern business models.
- The pressure from outside for change
- Preserving professionalism
- More competition but essentially legal services will be delivered by lawyers.



A long journey

- Office of Fair Trading: first steps of reform
- Clementi: the catalyst for reform
- Legal Services Act: the culmination of 18 months of parliamentary scrutiny and debate
- Full implementation: 3-4 years

