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I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

HAROLD HARDY,

Secretary.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL,
Toronto."

5. From the Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

"LORD CHANCELLOR, IRELAND,
Secretary's Office,

Four Courts, Dublin,

21st May, 1919.

The Lord Chancellor of Ireland presents his compliments to Mr. Justice Riddell and informs him, in reply to his inquiry of the 6th inst., that there are only a few rules, pertaining to retainers, for the legal profession in Ireland, and that he does not consider any further written code of ethics to be necessary."

6. From the Lord Chief Justice (Ireland).

"KING'S BENCH DIVISION, IRELAND,
Four Courts,

Dublin, 23rd May, 1919.

DEAR MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL,—

There is no written code of ethics for the legal profession in Ireland, and the necessity for one has not been felt.

Acts of professional misconduct can be dealt with in two ways, (a) the delinquent can be brought before the Bar Council, which is chosen by and is representative of the profession, and they have power to admonish, and, in an extreme case, to refuse to accept the person's subscription to the Law Library, which would have the effect of excluding him from practice, or (b) The Benchers of the King's Inns, in cases of grave misconduct, can disbar the delinquent, subject, as in England, to an appeal to the body of Judges.

The practice which prevails here of all barristers meeting in one library—which is the centre of professional work—has the effect of creating an *esprit de corps*, and at the same time enforcing a spirit of discipline which is absent in England.

In matters of professional etiquette, we follow the general rules which have been laid down from time to time by the General Council of the Bar of England, of which I send you a copy taken from the Annual Practice.

As regards solicitors, charges against them are investigated before a Statutory Committee of the Incorporated Law Society, whose report is brought before the Lord Chancellor, with whom the ultimate decision rests.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS A. MALONEY.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL, etc."

7. From the Attorney-General for Ireland.

"IRISH OFFICE,

22nd May, 1919.

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by the Attorney-General for Ireland to acknowledge your inquiry of May 6th, and to acquaint you with the following facts in answer to the same.

No code of legal ethics exists for the Irish Bar.

The ethics of the profession are controlled by the public opinion of the Bar. The Benchers of the King's Inns exercise jurisdiction over members of the Bar in cases of violation of professional decorum? The standard of professional conduct is also reviewed by the Bar Council, but there is no coercive jurisdiction in this body.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH MONTGOMERY MILLER,

Private Secretary.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL, etc."