

Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2005

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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 71 of the Legal Profession Act, the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, with the approval of the Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2005.

Amendment of rule 3

2. Rule 3 of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules (R 1) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Court”, the following definitions:

““client account” has the same meaning as in the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Accounts) Rules (R 8);

“client’s money” has the same meaning as in the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Accounts) Rules;”;

- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “Judge” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““solicitor-trustee” has the same meaning as in the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Trust Accounts) Rules (R 9);

“trust account” has the same meaning as in the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Trust Accounts) Rules;

“trust money” has the same meaning as in the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Accounts) Rules.”; and

- (c) by renumbering the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

(a) references to an employee of a solicitor or law firm or law corporation shall be construed to include a locum solicitor engaged by the solicitor or law firm or law corporation; and

(b) references to a member of a law firm or law corporation shall be construed to include a locum solicitor engaged by the law firm or law corporation.”.

Amendment of rule 5

3. The principal Rules are amended by renumbering rule 5 as paragraph (1) of that rule, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an advocate and solicitor may practise as a locum solicitor in more than one law firm or law corporation.”.