

Legal Profession (Group Practice) Rules 1999

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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (GROUP PRACTICE) RULES 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 71(1) 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 (Group Practice) Rules 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1999.

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“firm” means a firm of advocates and solicitors and includes a sole proprietorship and a partnership of 2 or more advocates and solicitors;

“firm name” means the name or style under which the practice of a firm is being carried on;

“group practice” means a practice comprising 2 or more firms which expressly practise as a group under a group name as separate firms in mutual co-operation;

“manager” means the manager referred to in rule 7.

Application

3. These Rules shall apply to all firms in a group practice and are intended to govern their relationship within the group practice and their dealings with clients and other persons outside the group practice without prejudice to rules of etiquette and professional practice and any other applicable law.

PART II

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Purpose and spirit of group practice

4.—(1) The purpose and spirit of a group practice is to enable the firms in the group practice to come together in mutual co-operation without being partners of each other as such.