

Legal Profession (Naming of Law Firms) Rules 1996

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LEGAL PROFESSION (NAMING OF LAW FIRMS) RULES 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 71(1) of the Legal Profession Act, the Council of the Law Society of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Naming of Law Firms) Rules 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1996.

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;

“practice” means practice as an advocate and solicitor, whether in the capacity of a sole proprietor or a partner in a firm.

Application

3. These Rules shall apply to every advocate and solicitor in respect only of his practice in Singapore.

Approval of firm names

4.—(1) No advocate and solicitor shall carry on his practice under a firm name which has not been approved by the Council in writing.

(2) An application for the approval of the Council of a firm name shall be made in such form as the Council may require.

(3) All firm names registered with the Law Society before 1st January 1996 shall be deemed to have been approved by the Council under this rule.

Language of firm names

5. Every firm name shall be stated in the English language, except that an advocate and solicitor may, with the approval of the Council in writing, state the name of his firm in any or all of the Malay, Tamil and Chinese languages also.

Contents of firm names

6.—(1) A firm name may —

(a) consist of the name or part of the name of the existing proprietor or one of the existing partners of the firm;

(b) consist of the names or parts of the names of 2 or more of the existing proprietors or partners of the firm; and