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A LAW TO AMEND THE ADVOCATES LAWS, 1933 TO 1940.

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*Officer Administering the Government.*

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Advocates (Amendment) Law, 1949, and shall be read as one with the Advocates Laws, 1933 to 1940 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law"), and the principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Advocates Laws, 1933 to 1949.
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| Short title. |
| 20 of 1933   |
| 40 of 1933   |
| 7 of 1934    |
| 20 of 1937   |
| 4 of 1940    |

Repeal of section 9 of the principal Law and substitution of new section.

2. Section 9 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“ King’s Counsel.

9. No advocate who has the rank of a King’s Counsel shall perform any of the functions which, in England, are performed by a solicitor and are not performed by a barrister ; but an advocate who has the rank of King’s Counsel shall not be precluded from continuing or engaging in partnership with another advocate by reason only that such last-mentioned advocate performs any functions as aforesaid.”

Repeal of section 11 of the principal Law and substitution of new section.

3. Section 11 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“ Enquiry into the conduct of advocates and powers of Supreme Court.

11.—(1) If any advocate is convicted by any Court of any offence which, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, involves moral turpitude or is, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, guilty of disgraceful, fraudulent or unprofessional conduct, the Supreme Court may—

- (a) order the name of the advocate to be struck off the Roll of Advocates ;
- (b) suspend the advocate from practising for such period as the Court may think fit ;
- (c) order the advocate to pay, by way of fine, any sum not exceeding five hundred pounds ;
- (d) warn or reprimand the advocate ;
- (e) make such order as to the payment of the costs of the proceedings before the Supreme Court as the Court may think fit.

(2) Proceedings to enforce any of the penalties provided by sub-section (1) may be commenced by the Supreme Court of its own motion or by an application to a Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers for a rule to issue to the advocate calling upon him to show cause why he should not be dealt with under the provisions of the said sub-section.

An application under this sub-section may be made by the Attorney-General or, with the leave of the Supreme Court, by any person aggrieved by the conduct of the advocate.