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**LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)**

**LEGAL PROFESSION
(MODIFIED APPLICATION OF ACT
FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES)
RULES 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 36M(2)(t), 74(3), 75B(3) and 184(2)(q) of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Modified Application of Act for International Services) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 18 November 2015.

Modified application of section 73 of Act

2. Section 73 of the Act applies, as modified in the First Schedule, to —

- (a) a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice, in respect of its practice of Singapore law;
- (b) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of First Schedule to Act

3. The First Schedule to the Act applies, as modified in the Second Schedule, in relation to —

- (a) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (b) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of Second Schedule to Act

4. The Second Schedule to the Act applies, as modified in the Third Schedule, in relation to —

- (a) the provision, by a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, of services which —
 - (i) are rendered in connection with the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; and
 - (ii) are not of the quality which it is reasonable to expect of the solicitor; or
- (b) the provision, by a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, of services which —
 - (i) are rendered in connection with the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law; and

- (ii) are not of the quality which it is reasonable to expect of the foreign lawyer.

Modified application of Legal Profession (Deposit Interest) Rules

5. The Legal Profession (Deposit Interest) Rules (R 5) apply, as modified in the Fourth Schedule, to —

- (a) a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice, in respect of its practice of Singapore law;
- (b) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of Legal Profession (Solicitors' Accounts) Rules

6. The Legal Profession (Solicitors' Accounts) Rules (R 8) apply, as modified in the Fifth Schedule, to —

- (a) a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice, in respect of its practice of Singapore law;
- (b) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of Legal Profession (Solicitors' Trust Accounts) Rules

7. The Legal Profession (Solicitors' Trust Accounts) Rules (R 9) apply, as modified in the Sixth Schedule, to —

- (a) a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice, in respect of its practice of Singapore law;

- (b) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of Legal Profession (Accountant's Report) Rules

8. The Legal Profession (Accountant's Report) Rules (R 10) apply, as modified in the Seventh Schedule, to —

- (a) a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice, in respect of its practice of Singapore law;
- (b) a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, in respect of the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, in respect of the foreign lawyer's practice of Singapore law.

Modified application of Legal Profession (Inadequate Professional Services Complaint Inquiry) Rules

9. The Legal Profession (Inadequate Professional Services Complaint Inquiry) Rules (R 18) apply, as modified in the Eighth Schedule, in relation to —

- (a) the provision, by a solicitor registered under section 36E of the Act, of services which —
 - (i) are rendered in connection with the solicitor's practice of Singapore law in a Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice, a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice or a licensed foreign law practice; and
 - (ii) are not of the quality which it is reasonable to expect of the solicitor; or
- (b) the provision, by a foreign lawyer registered under section 36B of the Act, of services which —
 - (i) are rendered in connection with the foreign lawyer's practice of