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(No. 19 of 2008)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 26th August 2008 and assented to by the President on 10th September 2008:—

**LEGAL PROFESSION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2008**

**(No. 19 of 2008)**

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I assent.

S R NATHAN  
*President*  
10th September 2008.

**Date of Commencement: 19th September 2008**

**Date of Commencement: 1st June 2007 (Section 15(b))**

**Date of Commencement: 15th October 2008 (Sections 4, 5(c), (d) and (g), 7(a) and (b), 8(a) and (b), 26(d), 28, 29(a) and (c) to (o), 30(a) and (d) and 31(b) to (f))**

**Date of Commencement: 1st December 2008 (Sections 2(c) and (f), 5(a), (b), (e) and (f), 6, 8(c) and (d), 9, 11, 26(a), (b), (c), (e) and (f), 27, 29(b), 30(b) and (c), 31(a), 32 to 36, 37(a), (b), (c) and (e), 38 to 49, 55 and 56)**

An Act to amend the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161 of the 2001 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

### **Short title and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Act 2008 and shall, with the exception of section 15(b), come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) Section 15(b) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st June 2007.

### **Amendment of section 2**

**2.** Section 2(1) of the Legal Profession Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “client”, the following definitions:

““constituent foreign law practice”, in relation to a Joint Law Venture, means the foreign law practice which constitutes part of the Joint Law Venture;

“constituent Singapore law practice”, in relation to a Joint Law Venture, means the Singapore law practice which constitutes part of the Joint Law Venture;”;

(b) by deleting the words “, whether as an advocate or a solicitor,” in the definition of “contentious business”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “Disciplinary Committee” and substituting the following definition:

““Disciplinary Tribunal” means a Disciplinary Tribunal appointed by the Chief Justice under section 90(1);”;

(d) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Inquiry Committee”, the following definitions:

““foreign law” means the law of any state or territory other than Singapore, and includes international law;

“foreign law practice” means a law practice (including a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a body corporate, whether with or without limited liability) providing legal services in