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**LEGAL PROFESSION ACT  
(CHAPTER 161)**

**LEGAL PROFESSION (INTERNATIONAL SERVICES)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 130W of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law, after consulting the Attorney-General, makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (International Services) (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 15 May 2015.

**New rule 1A**

2. The Legal Profession (International Services) Rules 2008 (G.N. No. S 481/2008) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 1, the following rule:

**“Definitions**

**1A.** In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “relevant appeal”, “relevant proceedings” and “Singapore International Commercial Court” have the same meanings as in section 36O(1) of the Act.”.

**Amendment of rule 5**

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraphs:

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“(2A) Despite paragraph (2), a Joint Law Venture may do all or any of the following through an individual in paragraph (2B):

- (a) appear and plead in any relevant proceedings;
- (b) appear and plead in the Court of Appeal in any relevant appeal;
- (c) represent any party to any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal in any matter concerning those proceedings or in that appeal (as the case may be);
- (d) give advice, prepare documents and provide any other assistance in relation to or arising out of any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal.

(2B) For the purposes of paragraph (2A), the individual is —

- (a) a solicitor who practises in the constituent Singapore law practice of the Joint Law Venture;
- (b) a solicitor registered under section 130N of the Act who practises in the Joint Law Venture or its constituent foreign law practice; or
- (c) a foreign lawyer granted full registration under section 36P of the Act who —
  - (i) is also registered under section 130I or 130K of the Act; and
  - (ii) practises in the Joint Law Venture, its constituent foreign law practice or its constituent Singapore law practice.

(2C) Despite paragraph (2), a Joint Law Venture may do all or any of the following through a foreign lawyer granted restricted registration under section 36P of the Act who is also registered under section 130I or 130K of the Act and practises in the Joint Law Venture, its

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constituent foreign law practice or its constituent Singapore law practice:

- (a) appear in any relevant proceedings, solely for the purposes of making submissions on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court;
  - (b) appear in the Court of Appeal in any relevant appeal, solely for the purposes of making submissions on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court;
  - (c) give advice and prepare documents, solely for the purposes of making submissions, in any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal, on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court.”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “Singapore” in paragraph (3), the words “, or do all or any of the things referred to in paragraphs (2A)(a) to (d) and (2C)(a) to (c),”.

#### **Amendment of rule 11**

**4.** Rule 11 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraphs:

“(1A) Despite paragraph (1), a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice may do all or any of the following through an individual in paragraph (1B):

- (a) appear and plead in any relevant proceedings;
- (b) appear and plead in the Court of Appeal in any relevant appeal;

- (c) represent any party to any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal in any matter concerning those proceedings or in that appeal (as the case may be);
- (d) give advice, prepare documents and provide any other assistance in relation to or arising out of any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal.

(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (1A), the individual is —

- (a) a solicitor registered under section 130N of the Act who practises in the Qualifying Foreign Law Practice; or
- (b) a foreign lawyer granted full registration under section 36P of the Act who —
  - (i) is also registered under section 130I or 130K of the Act; and
  - (ii) practises in the Qualifying Foreign Law Practice.

(1C) Despite paragraph (1), a Qualifying Foreign Law Practice may do all or any of the following through a foreign lawyer granted restricted registration under section 36P of the Act who is also registered under section 130I or 130K of the Act and practises in the Qualifying Foreign Law Practice:

- (a) appear in any relevant proceedings, solely for the purposes of making submissions on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court;
- (b) appear in the Court of Appeal in any relevant appeal, solely for the purposes of making submissions on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court;
- (c) give advice and prepare documents, solely for the purposes of making submissions, in any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal, on such matters of foreign law as are permitted by the Singapore

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International Commercial Court, or the Court of Appeal, in accordance with the Rules of Court.”.

### **Amendment of rule 14**

**5. Rule 14 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “paragraph (6B)” in paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “paragraphs (6B) to (6E)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2)” in paragraph (6B)(b) and (c) and substituting in each case the words “despite paragraphs (1), (2) and (6)”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (6B), the following paragraphs:

“(6C) Despite paragraphs (1), (2) and (6), a licensed foreign law practice may do all or any of the following through an individual in paragraph (6D):

- (a) appear and plead in any relevant proceedings;
- (b) appear and plead in the Court of Appeal in any relevant appeal;
- (c) represent any party to any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal in any matter concerning those proceedings or in that appeal (as the case may be);
- (d) give advice, prepare documents and provide any other assistance in relation to or arising out of any relevant proceedings or relevant appeal.

(6D) For the purposes of paragraph (6C), the individual is —

- (a) a solicitor registered under section 130N of the Act who practises in the licensed foreign law practice; or
- (b) a foreign lawyer granted full registration under section 36P of the Act who —