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**LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)**

**LEGAL PROFESSION
(LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2012**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 81ZB of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law, after consulting 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 (Limited Liability Law Partnership) (Amendment) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st June 2012.

New rule 1A

2. The Legal Profession (Limited Liability Law Partnership) Rules 2006 (G.N. No. S 654/2006) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 1, the following rule:

“Definitions

1A.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “law firm” means a firm of solicitors and includes a sole proprietorship and a partnership of 2 or more solicitors, but does not include a limited liability law partnership.

(2) For the purposes of these Rules, a law corporation and a limited liability law partnership are related if —

(a) either of the following applies:

(i) the limited liability law partnership is the sole shareholder of the law corporation; or

- (ii) every shareholder of the law corporation is a partner, a consultant or an employee of the limited liability law partnership; and
- (b) every director, consultant or employee of the law corporation is a partner, a consultant or an employee of the limited liability law partnership.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 5

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Partners

5. Every partner of a limited liability law partnership shall be —
- (a) a solicitor who has in force a practising certificate; or
 - (b) a foreign lawyer —
 - (i) who is registered under section 130I of the Act to practise Singapore law, or is registered under section 130K of the Act to practise foreign law, in the limited liability law partnership; and
 - (ii) to whom the Attorney-General has granted approval under section 130L(1) of the Act to be a partner of the limited liability law partnership.”.

New rules 10, 11, 12 and 13

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 9, the following rules:

“Relationship between client and limited liability law partnership with related law corporation

10. Subject to rule 13(5), section 81T(1) and (2) of the Act shall apply to a limited liability law partnership, and to every solicitor who is a partner, an officer or an employee of the limited liability law partnership, except to the limited extent necessary to enable each such solicitor to practise concurrently in a law corporation that is related to the limited liability law partnership.