

Rule 909 - No Cash Rule

Rule 909, often called the “No Cash Rule” came into force in June 2005. In summary, this Rule, among other things:

1. Prohibits receipt of cash in an aggregate amount of \$7,500 or more on any one matter. A few exceptions are listed in 909(4).
2. Applies to both trust and general monies received.
3. Requires refunds of cash received to be made in cash.

Please refer to Rule 909 and Benchers Digest article (September 2005) for details.

Due to the unusual nature of this Rule, the Law Society of Saskatchewan provided a “grace” period during which members could be made aware of Rule requirements and meet these requirements. Although not strictly defined, it was understood that if a member received cash contrary to Rule 909:

- (1) significantly in excess of \$7,499; or
- (2) in excess of \$7,499 after a previous occurrence (i.e. second offence); or
- (3) after termination of the “grace” period;

that member would be reported to Complaints Counsel and be subject to the discipline process.

This will serve as notification to the membership that the “grace” period is officially terminated and all instances of cash received in an aggregate amount of \$7,500 or more contrary to Rule 909 will be reported to Complaints Counsel effective immediately.