

**Certified True Copy of Amendments  
to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan  
December 1, 2017**

It was moved, seconded and carried that the *Rules* of the Law Society of Saskatchewan be amended. Please note that deletions have a “~~line through~~” for identification purposes.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

Amendment to Rules 150 and 165 were made to reflect that current Senior Life Members will remain members of this category, retaining the associated privileges and fee exemption; but the category will be discontinued after December 2017, thereby removing the process of granting an award.

**Part 7 – Membership and Practice Privileges**

**A. Categories of Membership**

150. In this part:

(9) “**Senior Life Member**” means a person who has been granted a senior life membership by the Benchers ~~pursuant to Rule 165 prior to December 31, 2017.~~

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**Senior Life Member**

165. (1) ~~The Benchers may confer a Senior Life Membership on a person who:~~

~~(a) has been a member of the Society for at least 50 years;~~

~~(b) is, or was in the immediately preceding year, a member of the Society; and~~

~~(c) has contributed significant public or legal service to the people of Saskatchewan. Repealed~~

(2) Senior Life Members are not required to pay the annual fee applicable to their category of membership but have all of the remaining rights and duties of membership and may practise law if they maintain professional liability insurance pursuant to Rule 605 and otherwise comply with these Rules and the Act.

**Part 8 – Professional Standards and Discipline**

Rule 403(3) was added to allow for a small degree of flexibility when appointing a Chair of a Hearing Committee. The preference remains for a Bencher to be appointed Chair of a Hearing Committee; however, when this is not possible due to conflicts, the Society will have the ability to appoint a former Bencher or member as Chair.

**Appointment of Hearing Committee**

403(3) Where possible, the Chairperson of a hearing committee appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Act shall be a Bencher;

(a) If for any reason it is not possible to appoint a Bencher as a Chairperson of a hearing committee, a former Bencher or member may be appointed as the chairperson of the hearing committee.

Rule 405(3) was added to permit the Executive Director of the Law Society to report criminal activity without restriction.

**Confidentiality**

405. (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Executive Director, in his or her sole discretion may, at any time, disclose to a law enforcement authority any information about possible criminal activity on the part of a member that is obtained during an investigation or audit pursuant to the Act.

**Schedule 1 – Law Society Fees and Assessments**

At December Convocation, the Benchers approved amendment of the Schedule of Fees to reflect the Practice Fee increase passed at the Budget meeting in October 2017. The Society was able to *reduce* the Special Fund assessment, resulting in a modest increase to the overall fee.

**Schedule 1  
LAW SOCIETY FEES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Note:** The federal goods and services tax applies to Law Society fees and assessments

<b>A. Active Member Annual Fee</b> .....	<b>\$</b>
1. Practice fee .....	<del>1,750</del> 1,875
2. Special Fund assessment (included in Practice fee) .....	<del>200</del> 100
3. Late payment fee .....	75/wk or part thereof
4. Quarterly payment administration fee .....	100



**CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan at their meeting held December 1, 2017.**

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**TIMOTHY J. BROWN**  
Executive Director