# Certified True Copy of Amendments to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan June 17, 2016

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.

## Part 7 – Membership and Practice Privileges

Amendment to Rule 153 was approved to ensure that out-of-province Articling students enroll in the Bar Admission Program in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

#### **Commencement of Articles**

153. (1) Following admission as a Student-at-law and approval of one or more principals, but before the commencement of articles, the Student-at-law and the principal must file:

- (a) an articling agreement in a form approved by the Committee;
- (b) documents verifying that the student:
  - has successfully completed the requirements for a Bachelor's degree or a Juris Doctor from a common law faculty of law in a Canadian university approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada;
  - (ii) holds a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada; or
  - (iii) has completed all courses and examinations required to obtain a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada; and
- (c) the articling fee as set out in Schedule 1 following Part 12 of these Rules; and
- (d) confirmation of enrollment in the Bar Admission Program, pursuant to Rule 159.
- (2) The Executive Director may require a Student-at-law and principal to submit an education plan within a specified time.

Rules 206(1)(b)(v), Rule 208(1)(d), and Rule 151(c)(ii) were amended to require that Clearance Certificates be issued within 30 days of an application to ensure the most accurate and up-to-date information, whether it be in consideration of an applicant's eligibility for transfer, admission as a Canadian Legal Advisor, or admission as a student-at-law.

### Admission as a Transfer Lawyer

- 206. (1) To qualify for admission as a lawyer on transfer an applicant must:
  - (a) be Suitable to Practise;
  - (b) deliver to the Executive Director:
    - a completed application for admission as a lawyer on transfer, in a form approved by the Committee;
    - (ii) an original or notarial copies of certified government issued identification document, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, passport or other document acceptable to the Society which verifies the applicant's identity;
    - (iii) in the case of an applicant that is not a Canadian citizen, provide proof of the applicant's entitlement to work in Canada;

- (iv) testimonials, in a form approved by the Committee, from 2 persons who have each known the applicant for at least 3 years, verifying the applicant's Suitability to Practise;
- (v) a certificates of standing, dated not more than 30 days before the date of the application, from each of the governing bodiesy of each Canadian Province and Territory of which the applicant is a member, stating:
  - (1) whether the applicant is a member in good standing;
  - (2) whether the applicant is presently the subject of any disciplinary proceedings; and
  - (3) the details of any previous disciplinary proceedings taken against the applicant;
- (vi) the admission on transfer application fee as set out in Schedule 1 following Part 12 of these Rules; and
- (vii) any other information and documents required by the *Act* or these Rules which is requested.
- (2) Rules 162 and 176 apply to applications for admission as a transfer lawyer *mutatis mutandis*.

### **Canadian Legal Advisor**

208. (1) A member of the Chambre, with a Canadian Civil Law degree, or with a foreign degree and a certificate of equivalency from the Chambre, may apply for admission as a Canadian Legal Advisor by delivering to the Executive Director the following:

- (a) a completed application for admission as a Canadian Legal Advisor in a form approved by the Committee;
- (b) original or notarially certified documents verifying identity, including valid original government issued identification including a driver's license, birth certificate, passport or other document acceptable to the Executive Director;
- (c) testimonials, in a form approved by the Committee, from 2 persons who have known the applicant for at least 3 years, verifying the applicant's Suitability to Practise:
- (d) a certificate of standing, dated not more than 30 days before the date of application and in a form acceptable to the Executive Director and issued-from each of the governing bodiesy of each Canadian Province and Territory-of which the applicant is a member;
- (e) an errors and omissions insurance application or exemption form;
- (f) the admission transfer application fee and the admission on transfer enrollment fee, both as set out in Schedule 1 following Part 12 of these Rules; and
- (g) any other information and documents required by the *Act* or these Rules which is requested.
- (2) Rules162 and 176 apply to applications for admission as a Canadian Legal Advisor *mutatis mutandis*.

#### Admission as a Student-at-Law

- 151. A person applying for admission as a Student-at-law shall submit:
  - (a) an application for admission in a form approved by the Committee;
  - (b) original or notarial copies of certified government issued documentation, such as a driver's license, birth certificate or passport, verifying the applicant's identity;
  - (c) documents establishing the applicant's Suitability to Practise, including but not limited to:
    - testimonials, in a form approved by the Committee, from 2persons who have known the applicant for at least 3years, verifying the applicant's Suitability to Practise;
    - (ii) in the case of an applicant who is a member of another governing body of the legal profession, a certificate of standing, dated not more than 30 days before the date of the application, from each governing body stating:
      (A) whether the applicant is a member in good standing;

- (B) whether the applicant is presently the subject of any disciplinary proceedings; and
- (C) the details of any previous disciplinary proceedings taken against the applicant;
- (iii) a police record check or such other information from law enforcement as may be required by the Executive Director;
- (d) documents verifying that the applicant:
  - has successfully completed at least two years towards the requirements for a Bachelor's degree or Juris Doctor from a common law faculty of law in a Canadian university approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada;
  - (ii) holds a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada; or
  - (iii) has completed all courses and examinations required to obtain a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada;
- (e) in the case of an applicant who was previously a student-at-law in another Canadian Province or Territory, a document stating the particulars of that experience;
- (f) in the case of an applicant that is not a Canadian citizen, proof of the applicant's entitlement to work in Canada;
- (g) any other information or documents requested by the Executive Director; and
- (h) the Student-at-law application fee as set out in Schedule 1 following Part 12 of these Rules.



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan at their meeting held June 17, 2016.

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