



AMENDMENTS TO THE *CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT* (December 2019):

At September 2019 and November 2019 Convocations, the Benchers approved amendments to the *Code*. Amendments are listed at the end of each Chapter.

The amendments are highlighted below.

2.1-1 Integrity, Commentary [1] – the Commentary was amended to change one minor grammatical error, changing the word “an person” in the first sentence to the word “any person.”

3.1-2 Competence, Commentary [4A] and [4B] added – the commentaries on Technological Competence were added to provide guidance which prompts legal professionals to consider both the benefits and risks associated with the use of technology.

Paragraph [4A] reminds lawyers of their obligation to be technologically competent in a manner appropriate to their areas of practice and circumstances.

Paragraph [4B] provides interpretive guidance. It clarifies that determining whether a lawyer has maintained the required level of technological competence is a contextual inquiry. The paragraph includes a list of factors for lawyers and regulators to consider in determining the appropriate level of technological competence.

3.4-32, Borrowing from Clients, Commentary [1] – the Rules referenced were revised from 3.4-32 and 3.4-33 to 3.4-31 and 3.4-32.

3.4-34, Guarantees by a Lawyer – the Rule referenced was revised from 3.4-36 to 3.4-35.