

**Certified True Copy of Amendments
to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan
February 8, 2019**

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:

The following Rule amendments were approved to implement changes to the committee structures. The first is with respect to changing the name of the Discipline Executive Committee to the Discipline Policy Committee, in an effort to make a clear distinction between the Discipline Committee, which acts a pool for appointing hearing committees, and the policy-making subcommittee of the Discipline Committee.

The balance of the amendments re-assign the responsibility for overseeing *Model Code* consultations from the Ethics Committee to the Discipline Executive (Policy) Committee. This change is proposed to draw clearer distinctions between the adjudicative and policy functions of the Benchers.

PART 6 - Committees

A. General

Establishment

110. (1) The following committees are established:

- (a) the Admissions & Education Committee;
- (b) the Professional Standards Committee;
- (c) the Discipline Committee;
- (d) the Ethics Committee;
- (e) the Executive Committee;
- (f) the Insurance Committee;
- (g) the Audit Committee;
- (h) the Discipline ~~Executive-Policy~~ Committee;
- (i) the Conduct Investigation Committee;
- (j) the Governance Committee;
- (k) the Legal Resources Committee; and
- (l) the Equity & Diversity Committee.

(2) The Benchers may, by Rule, establish any other committee for the better governance of the Society.

B. Standing Committees

Discipline ~~Executive-Policy~~ Committee

135. (1) The Discipline ~~Executive-Policy~~ Committee is a sub-committee of the Discipline Committee, which has been delegated the authority of the Discipline Committee in accordance with section 7.1 of the Act to perform any duties assigned to the Discipline Committee by section 36(3) of the Act.

(2) The Discipline Policy Committee shall also make recommendations to the Benchers respecting the development of and revisions to The Code of Professional Conduct.

PART 8 – Professional Standards and Discipline

Ethics Committee

303. (1) The Ethics Committee shall review any referral or request made by:
- (a) complaints counsel;
 - (b) other Committees;
 - (c) request for ruling made pursuant to (2).
- (2) Any person may request a ruling from the Ethics Committee for a ruling on an ethical issue.
- (3) Upon receipt by the Ethics Committee of a referral or request, the Committee may:
- (a) make whatever recommendations it sees fit to resolve the conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest;
 - (b) decline to make a ruling;
 - (c) give opinions and make professional conduct rulings on questions of professional ethics, for the guidance of the profession;
 - (d) make recommendations to the Benchers and to the Discipline Committee respecting professional ethics ~~and the development of and revisions to The Code of Professional Conduct~~; and
 - (e) refer matters to the Conduct Investigation Committee or Professional Standards Committee.
- (4) The Ethics Committee may make whatever enquiries it thinks necessary and may follow whatever procedure it finds to be most efficient.



**CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions
passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of
Saskatchewan at their meeting held February 8,
2019.**

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