# Certified True Copy of Amendments to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan

# **September 18, 2020**

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 Law Society contacted the government in June to request an amendment to the emergency measures relating to remote execution of documents to make them permanent. On August 7, 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan repealed those emergency regulations and replaced them with a permanent process.

Law Society Practice Directives 1 and 3 were amended to remove reference to a public emergency period. Rule 1143.1 was added to allow issuance of enduring directives or to continue temporary directives in specific areas. The first specific area included in the Rule relates to the remote execution of documents via electronic means.

The amendment was approved by the Benchers in September, as outlined below:

## PART 11 - Professional Responsibility

#### D. Discipline

### **Temporary** Practice Directives by Executive Director

**1143**(1) During a public emergency period, the Executive Director may, at the direction of the Executive Committee, issue temporary directives governing the provision of legal services and where a directive has been issued it shall have the same force and effect as a Rule.

(2) Directives issued pursuant to subrule (1) may apply to all legal service providers or any subset thereof, as stipulated within the directive.

<u>1143.1</u> The Executive Director may, at the direction of the Executive Committee, issue enduring directives or continue temporary directives governing the following specific areas:

(a) the remote execution of documents via electronic means.



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan at their meeting held September 18, 2020.

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