

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

September 24, 2021

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 Benchers approved an amendment to Rule 506 (formerly related to Bencher absenteeism), to outline a process for suspension of duties or removal from office for a Bencher who fails, refuses or is unable to fulfil the duties of a Bencher, or conducts themselves in such a way that renders them unfit to be a Bencher. This section is intended to pertain to serious matters and is untethered from the Bencher Code of Conduct insofar as the section is not intended to be triggered by inconsequential or technical breaches of the Bencher Code of Conduct.

PART 5 – Bencher Meetings

~~Bencher Absence~~

~~506 Where an elected Bencher has been absent from two consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings of the Benchers in Convocation, the Benchers in Convocation may, by resolution, remove that Bencher from office.~~

Bencher Suspension and Removal from Office

506(1) Where, in the opinion of the President or Vice President, any Bencher:

- (a) fails, refuses or is unable to fulfil the duties of a Bencher; or
- (b) conducts themselves in such a way that renders them unfit to be a Bencher, such that a risk to the reputation or credibility of the Society is created;

the President or Vice President may request that the Bencher take a leave of absence from some or all of their duties or request that the Bencher resign.

(2) Where the Benchers are of the opinion that a Bencher has:

- (a) failed, refused or is unable to fulfil the duties of a Bencher; or
- (b) that the conduct of a Bencher renders that person unfit to continue to be a Bencher, such that a risk to the reputation or credibility of the Society is created;

the Benchers may, at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Benchers, make, consider and approve a motion to require that Bencher to take a leave of absence from some or all of their duties or to remove that Bencher from office.

(3) The Benchers shall not approve a motion pursuant to subrule 2 unless the Bencher has been given at least 7 days notice prior to the meeting where such a motion could be made, considered and approved along with the materials in support of any such motion.

(4) The Bencher who is, or may become, the subject of a motion pursuant to subrule 2 is entitled to submit written materials to the Benchers in opposition to any motion or potential motion at, or in advance of, the meeting where said motion may be considered.

(5) A motion made pursuant to subrule 2 must be supported by a 3/4 supermajority of Benchers in attendance at the meeting in order to pass.

PART 16 – Reporting Requirements

The Benchers approved amendments to Rule 1612(3)(b) to further streamline and enhance transparency with respect to the reinstatement requirements subsequent to administrative suspensions and eliminate the effect of requiring overlapping Notices of Disqualifications pursuant to Parts 9 (Firm Regulation) and 16 (Reporting Requirements). Additional housekeeping amendments are also required to sequentially reorder the Rules listed in subrules 1612(1) and (3)(a).

Disqualified from the Practice of Law

1612(1) The Executive Director may disqualify a member from the practice of law who is in breach of Rule 1602, 1604, 160~~6~~9, or 160~~9~~6.

(2) The Executive Director may notify the member that the member will be disqualified within 30 days or such further period as may be determined by the Executive Director.

(3) A member who has been disqualified from the practice of law pursuant to subrule (1), may apply to the Executive Director for reinstatement by;

(a) complying with Rules 1602, 1604, 160~~6~~9 or 160~~9~~6; and

(b) paying to the Society any fees, assessments, fines, costs, arrears or other amounts owing and fulfillment of any obligation to the Society pursuant to ~~this~~ Parts 9 and 16.



**CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions
passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of
Saskatchewan at their meeting held September 24,
2021.**

TIMOTHY J. BROWN, Q.C.
Executive Director