# Certified True Copy of Amendments to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan February 18, 2022

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.

### AMENDMENTS:

Amendments to Rule 1002, Exemptions from the Prohibition Against the Unauthorized Practice of Law, were approved by the Benchers.

Amendment to Rule 1002(1)(a) was housekeeping in nature.

Amendment to Rule 1002(1)(a)(vii) was approved to change the language for consistent drafting within the section.

Amendment to subrule 1002(1)(a)(ix) was approved to change the language to more closely reflect the definition of the practice of law within *The Legal Profession Act*, 1990.

Rule 1002(1)(a)(xiii) was struck, following the Court of Appeal decision in *Zielke v Law Society of Saskatchewan* (2021 SKCA 156), as this clause no longer has effect, pending any further legislative amendments.

# PART 10 - Alternative Legal Services Providers

#### **Definitions and Interpretation**

**1001** For the purposes of clause 10(p.1) and subsection 30(3) of the Act, "legal information" means the provision of legal information of a general nature about the law and legal procedures to members of the public.

## **Exemptions from the Prohibition Against the Unauthorized Practice of Law**

1002(1) Subject to subrule (2), for the purposes of clause 10(k.1) and clause 31(i) of the Act:

- the following persons are exempt from the prohibition against the unauthorized practice of law in section 30 of the Act insofar as they are carrying out the functions mentioned in clauses (i) to (xiii):
  - (i) a person serving in a neutral capacity as a mediator or conciliator;
  - (ii) a person participating in labour negotiations, arbitrations, conciliations or proceedings respecting collective bargaining rights or agreements;
  - (iii) a person exercising an adjudicative function pursuant to statutory authority;
  - (iv) a person acting as a legislative lobbyist;
  - (v) a public officer acting within the scope of the person's authority as a public officer;
  - (vi) a person employed by or currently funded through a service agreement or otherwise demonstrably accountable to the government to act as a lay representative before administrative agencies or tribunals;
  - (vii) a notary public exercising the powers conferred on the notary public by law pursuant to statutory authority;
  - (viii) a person who delivers courtworker services to Aboriginal people through an Aboriginal delivery agency that has contracted with the Government of Saskatchewan or the Government of Canada to deliver courtworker services as part of the Aboriginal Courtworker Program;
  - (ix) a person authorized to practice law in accordance with any provincial or federal statute to engage in activities listed in s.29.1 of the *Legal Profession Act*, 1990;

- (x) an officer or employee of an incorporated or unincorporated organization preparing a document for the use of the organization or for an action or matter to which the organization is a party;
- (xi) a university law student in respect of services permitted to be provided by that student in accordance with the Rules; and
- (xii) an individual who is representing a person in an administrative adjudicative proceeding if the administrative tribunal determines that the individual would be of assistance to the person and the tribunal;.
- (xiii) an individual who is appearing in a court as an agent pursuant to The Small Claims Act, 2016, The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990, or the Criminal Code of Canada, provided that they are unpaid as required by clause 30(2) of the Act.



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions passed by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan at their meeting held February 18, 2022.

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