



Law Society of Saskatchewan

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Bill 163, an Act to amend *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*, was introduced in the Saskatchewan Legislature on December 3, 2018 and *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2019* received Royal Assent on May 15, 2019. The provisions of Bill 163 relating to limited licensees were not advanced at that time pending the development of the necessary framework to support the delivery of legal services by limited licensees in Saskatchewan. This work is complete, and the remaining provisions were proclaimed into force on October 1, 2025.

The Law Society of Saskatchewan Rules have been redrafted to align with the statutory changes to include limited licensees as recognized members of the Law Society, entitled to engage in the limited practice of law in accordance with *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*, and these Rules.

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- (d) Active Pro Bono members; and
- (e) members disqualified pursuant to Rule 724.

(2) A member may apply to the Executive Director for reinstatement in the Society or change in membership category in accordance with Rule 729 and by delivering:

- (a) the application form required by the Executive Director;
- (b) the applicable fee as set out in Rule 1404; and
- (c) arrears, if any, of any fees payable to the Society and fulfillment of any obligation to the Society.

(3) Where an applicant has not been actively practising law within the five years immediately preceding the application, there will be a rebuttable presumption that the applicant lacks competency.

(4) An applicant pursuant to this Rule who:

- (a) was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court of Canada, the Court of Appeal, the Court of Queen's Bench, or the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, shall give a written undertaking not to appear as counsel in a Court in the Province for three years after ceasing to be a Judge; or
- (b) served in an adjudicative capacity on an administrative tribunal shall give a written undertaking not to appear as counsel before that tribunal for three years after ceasing to be a member of that tribunal.

G. Applications, Hearings and Appeals

Application of Rule

729(1) This section applies to the following applications in this Part of the Rules:

- (a) admission as a Student-at-law pursuant to Rule 703;
- (b) admission as a lawyer pursuant to Rule 714;
- (c) admission as a transfer lawyer pursuant to Rule 815;
- (d) admission as a Canadian Legal Advisor pursuant to Rule 817;
- (e) admission as a limited licensee pursuant to Rule 1004;
- (f) application to act as principal pursuant to Rule 704;
- (g) reinstatement of a former member who was disbarred, resigned in the face of discipline pursuant to Rule 1111 or resigned instead of continued proceedings pursuant to Rule 1112;
- (h) all applications pursuant to Rule 728 other than those pursuant to subrule 728(1)(e); and
- (i) an application for expanded scope of service pursuant to subrule 1005(2).

(2) In any application pursuant to this Part, applicants have the onus of proving that:

- (a) they are suitable to practise;
- (b) they are competent to perform the required duties, as applicable; and

- (c) granting the application would not be inimical to the public interest or the members and would not harm the standing of the legal profession generally.

(3) All applications shall be submitted to the Executive Director, who shall:

- (a) review the application;
- (b) make any inquiries and investigations necessary into the applicant's competence and suitability to practise, including, as applicable:
 - (i) the applicant's education and training;
 - (ii) the applicant's experience in the legal profession;
 - (iii) any temporal gaps in the applicant's education and practice experience;
 - (iv) notices of proceedings pursuant to Rule 722;
 - (v) notices of bankruptcy pursuant to Rule 1538;
 - (vi) involvement with the Society or any other professional regulatory body including, without limitation:
 - (A) Professional Responsibility investigations and rulings;
 - (B) Competency Committee investigations;
 - (C) Special Fund claims or processes;
 - (D) professional liability insurance claims;
 - (E) failure to pay monies owing to the Society;
 - (F) complaints against the member;
 - (G) general correspondence from the administration office;
 - (vii) the applicant's place or proposed place of work or employment, including the type of work conducted and the involvement with the Society of members in that place of work or employment; and
 - (viii) any other relevant matter.

(4) The Executive Director shall direct the Hearing Administrator appointed under Part 11 to strike a Hearing Panel to hear and determine the application pursuant to Rules 731 to 741 for an application pursuant to subrule (1)(g).

(5) The Executive Director may:

- (a) approve an application, other than an application pursuant to subrule (1)(g);
- (b) approve an application pursuant to subrules (1)(a) to (f), (h) and (i), with conditions;
- (c) deny an application pursuant to subrules (1)(f), (h) or (i);
- (d) deny an incomplete application;
- (e) deny an application pursuant to subrule (1)(e) where the applicant has not met the requirements of Part 10; or

- (f) where the Executive Director has reviewed an application pursuant to (1)(a) to (e) and does not approve that application, other than for reasons noted in subrule 5(e), the Executive Director shall direct the Hearing Administrator to strike a Hearing Panel to hear and determine the application pursuant to Rules 731 to 741.

(6) An applicant whose application has been granted with conditions pursuant to subrule 5(b) or denied pursuant to subrule 5(c), (d) or (e) may appeal the Executive Director's decision to an Appeal Panel pursuant to Rule 742.

(7) Where the Executive Director denies an application or approves it with conditions, the Executive Director shall promptly provide written reasons to the applicant and advise the applicant of the right of appeal where applicable.

(8) Where the Hearing Administrator has referred an application to a Hearing Panel, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the applicant in writing.

(9) The Executive Director may waive any procedural defect in an application if it is not inimical to the public interest.

[Rule 729(3)(b), (4), (5)(d), (e), (f), and (6) amended; former (7) deleted, changing number sequence; (8) amended, March 20, 2026]

Hearing Panel

730(1) All hearings held pursuant to Rules 731 to 741 following an application pursuant to subrule 729(1)(g) or a referral by the Executive Director pursuant to Rule 729(5)(f) will be heard by a Hearing Panel appointed by the Hearing Administrator.

(2) A Hearing Panel appointed pursuant to subrule (1) shall consist of not more than three members of the Hearing Committee Roster established under Part 11.

(3) Unless the Hearing Administrator concludes that there are extraordinary circumstances that make it impractical to appoint a lawyer member of the Hearing Committee Roster as Chairperson of a Hearing Panel, the Chairperson of the Hearing Panel appointed in accordance with this Rule shall be a lawyer member from the Hearing Committee Roster.

[Rule 730(1), (2) and (3) amended, March 20, 2026]

Notice of Hearing

731(1) When a Hearing Panel is appointed pursuant to this Part, the Society shall promptly notify the applicant in writing of:

- (a) the purpose of the hearing; and
- (b) the date, time and place of the hearing.

(2) A notice referred to in subrule (1) shall be served:

- (a) in accordance with section 85 of the Act; and
- (b) not less than 30 days before the date set for commencement of the hearing, unless the applicant consents, in writing, to a shorter period.

Disclosure

732 Rule 1125 applies to Hearings pursuant to this Part, with any necessary modifications.

Security for Costs

733(1) Upon application by the Society, the Hearing Panel may order the applicant to pay security for costs in an amount determined appropriate in the circumstances.

(2) The Hearing Panel may, on cause being shown, rescind or vary an order made pursuant to subrule (1).

(3) The hearing shall not commence until the applicant pays to the Society the amount ordered to be paid pursuant to subrule (1) or (2).

Adjournment

734 The Chairperson of the Hearing Panel may adjourn the hearing from time to time.

Attendance at the Hearing and Right to Counsel

735(1) The applicant:

- (a) shall, unless the Hearing Panel otherwise orders, personally attend the entire hearing; and
- (b) may appear with counsel.

(2) The Society may appear with counsel.

Onus and Burden of Proof

736 The onus is on the applicant to satisfy the Hearing Panel, on a balance of probabilities, that the applicant has met the applicable requirements of the Act and these Rules.

Public Hearing

737 Rule 1136 applies to hearings pursuant to this Part, with any necessary modifications.

Transcript

738(1) All proceedings at a hearing shall be recorded by a court reporter.

(2) A person may obtain, at the person's expense, a transcript of any part of the hearing which the person was entitled to attend.

[Rule 738(1) amended, March 20, 2026]

Procedure at Hearing

739 Subject to these Rules, the Hearing Panel may determine the practice and procedure for a hearing.

Decision of the Hearing Panel

740(1) The Hearing Panel may:

- (a) approve the application with or without conditions; or
- (b) deny the application.

(2) The Hearing Panel decision shall be by majority vote.

(3) The Hearing Panel shall provide written reasons for its decision.

(4) In the Hearing Panel's written reasons for its decision, it shall take reasonable precautions to avoid including information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

(5) The Society may publish any order or decision of a Hearing Panel in any or all of the following:

- (a) a newspaper of general circulation in each community in which the member maintained an office;
- (b) the Society website;
- (c) CanLII or any other decision publishing entity approved by the Benchers.

(6) An applicant or the Society may apply to an Appeal Panel for a review of the decision of the Hearing Panel.

[Rule 740(3) amended; (6) added, March 20, 2026]

Costs

741 Rule 1135 applies to Hearings pursuant to this Part, with any necessary modifications.

Appeal Panel

742(1) A party seeking a review pursuant to subrules 729(6) and 740(6) shall deliver an application to the Executive Director within 30 days after the action that is the subject of the review was taken.

(2) An Appeal Panel appointed for a review conducted under this Rule shall:

- (a) be appointed by the Hearing Administrator; and
- (b) consist of not more than three members of the Hearing Committee Roster, none of whom were members of a Hearing Panel appointed pursuant to Rule 730 concerning the matter.

(3) Unless the Hearing Administrator concludes that there are extraordinary circumstances that make it impractical to appoint a lawyer member of the Hearing Committee Roster as Chairperson of an Appeal Panel, the Chairperson of an Appeal Panel appointed in accordance with this Rule shall be a lawyer member from the Hearing Committee Roster.

[Rule 742(1) amended; former (2) deleted, changing number sequence; (2)(a) and (b) amended; (3) added, March 20, 2026]

Appeal Panel Review

743(1) Rules 731 to 741 apply to an Appeal Panel review, with the necessary modifications and so far as they are applicable.

(2) Notwithstanding subrule (1), an Appeal Panel conducting a review pursuant to subrule 729(6) may only consider:

- (a) the record of documents and information that were before the Executive Director when the decision was made;
- (b) the written decision of the Executive Director; and
- (c) submissions from the applicant and counsel for the Society.

(2.1) Notwithstanding subrule (1), an Appeal Panel conducting a review pursuant to subrule 740(6) may only consider:

- (a) the transcript from and exhibits filed at a hearing conducted pursuant to Rule 730;
- (b) the written decision of the Hearing Panel; and
- (c) submissions from the applicant and counsel for the Society.

(3) Following a review pursuant to subrules (2) and (2.1), the Appeal Panel may:

- (a) confirm the decision of the Executive Director or Hearing Panel, as applicable;
- (b) vary or remove any terms and conditions imposed in the decision of the Executive Director or Hearing Panel under review; or
- (c) reverse the decision of the Executive Director or Hearing Panel, subject to any terms and conditions they consider appropriate.

H. Rule Waivers

Rule Waivers

744(1) Notwithstanding Rule 2404, an application to waive a Rule pursuant to this Part shall be directed to the Committee.

(2) For applications pursuant to this Rule, applicants have the onus of proving that:

- (a) the applicant's legal education or experience or both, constitute exceptional circumstances sufficient to justify a waiver of the Rule;
- (b) as a result of the applicant's legal education or experience or both, the applicant possesses the skills, competencies and qualifications equivalent to those required by the relevant Rule;
- (c) the waiver is not inimical to the public interest or the members, nor would it harm the standing of the legal profession generally; and
- (d) denial of the waiver would result in significant hardship for the applicant.

(3) The Committee may consider:

- (a) written submissions of the applicant; and
- (b) with leave of the Committee Chairperson, oral submissions.

(4) The Committee may either grant the waiver, with or without, conditions or deny the application.

(5) The Committee shall notify the applicant of the decision in writing and provide reasons for the decision.

I. Notice of Practice Conditions and Restrictions

Notice of Practice Conditions and Restrictions

745(1) Where a member is the subject of practice conditions or restrictions, whether they arise out of proceedings pursuant to the Act, Part 7 of these Rules or through undertakings provided by the member, said conditions or restrictions, or a summary or excerpt thereof, may be published on the Society website.