

**Certified True Copy of Amendments  
to the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan  
December 6, 2024**

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:**

At December Convocation, the Benchers approved amendments to Part 7, Membership and Practice Privileges, Rule 710, to formally implement composite and joint articles. The amendments will allow alternatives to the traditional articling experience, assisting students who are unable to find a traditional/standard 12-month articling position or who wish to diversify their articling experience.

A minor amendment to Rule 705 was also approved to align with the language that is currently used.

**PART 7 – Membership and Practice Privileges**

**C. Students-at-Law**

**Assignment of Articles, Composite Articles, and Joint Articles**

**710**(1) In this Rule, “Assignee Principal” means a principal to whom a Student-at-law’s articles are assigned.

(2) The articles of a Student-at-law may be assigned from one principal to another principal, provided that:

- (a) the Assignee Principal is approved by the Executive Director pursuant to Rules 704 and 729;
- (b) the Student-at-law, the principal and the Assignee Principal execute and file an assignment of articles in a form approved by the Committee; and
- (c) the articling assignment fee as set out in Schedule 1 is paid.

(3) The Executive Director may require the Assignee Principal and Student-at-law to submit a revised ~~education~~ **articling** plan for approval.

(4) **A Student-at-law may submit for approval an articling plan for composite articles, comprised of two or more articling segments. The Executive Director may approve a composite articling plan, provided that:**

- (a) **each Principal is approved by the Executive Director pursuant to Rules 704 and 729;**
- (b) **the Student-at-law jointly with each individual principal executes and files a composite articling agreement in a form approved by the Committee no less than 10 days prior to the commencement of each composite articling segment with that principal;**
- (c) **the Student-at-law, the current principal and the immediately subsequent principal execute and file an updated composite articling plan and updated articling agreement at the transition of each segment of the composite articling experience;**
- (d) **the Student-at-law and each principal complete and file a final report of the composite articling segment in a form approved by the Committee at the conclusion of the segment;**
- (e) **the articling plan provides for a reasonably appropriate articling experience;**
- (f) **the number of composite segments is no more than five;**
- (g) **the cumulative length of the composite articling segments accumulates to the equivalent of no less than 12 months in accordance with Rule 706. The composite segments need not be**

consecutive but must be completed within the period set out in subrule 706(2) unless that period is extended in accordance with subrule 706(4); and

(h) the articling fee as set out in Schedule 1 is paid.

(5) A Student-at-law may submit for approval an articling plan for joint articles, in which the student will serve under two joint but separate principals. The Executive Director may approve a joint articling plan, provided that:

- (a) each principal is approved by the Executive Director pursuant to Rules 704 and 729;
- (b) the Student-at-law jointly with each principal executes and files a joint articling agreement in a form approved by the Committee, prior to the commencement of articles;
- (c) the Student-at-law jointly with each principal complete and file a final joint articling report at the conclusion of the articling term;
- (d) the articling plan provides for a reasonably appropriate articling experience;
- (e) the cumulative length of the joint articles equals no less than 12 months in accordance with Rule 706; and
- (f) the articling fee as set out in Schedule 1 is paid.

### Commencement of Articles

**705(1)** Following admission as a Student-at-law and approval of one or more principals, but before the commencement of articles, the Student-at-law and the principal must file:

- (a) an articling agreement in a form approved by the Committee;
- (b) documents verifying that the student:
  - (i) has successfully completed the requirements for a Bachelor's degree or a Juris Doctor from a common law faculty of law in a Canadian university approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada;
  - (ii) holds a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada; or
  - (iii) has successfully completed all courses and examinations required to obtain a Certificate of Qualification issued by the National Committee on Accreditation of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada; and
- (c) the articling fee as set out in Schedule 1.

(2) The Executive Director may require a Student-at-law and principal to submit an ~~education~~ articling plan within a specified time.

### AMENDMENTS:

To align with the changes made to Rule 710, the Benchers approved amendments to Schedule 1, Part D(2), Articling fee, to add reference to standard, composite and joint articles.

### Schedule 1 – Law Society Fees and Assessments

#### D. Student-at-law Fees

1. Student-at-law application fee .....	175
2. Articling fee ( <u>applies to standard, composite and joint articles</u> ) .....	200
3. Articling assignment fee .....	175

## AMENDMENTS:

The Benchers approved amendments to Part 10, Alternative Legal Services Providers, Rule 1001, Definitions and Rule 1002(1), Exemptions, related to mediation and parenting coordination, effective January 1, 2025. Complementary updates will also be made to the *Code of Professional Conduct*, under section 5.7, Lawyers and Mediators and Family Dispute Resolution, effective January 1, 2025.

### PART 10 - Alternative Legal Services Providers

#### A. Definitions

##### Definitions and Interpretation

**1001** In this Part:

~~For the purposes of clause 10(p.1) and subsection 30(3) of the Act,~~ “legal information” means, ~~for the purposes of subsections 10(p.1) and 30(3) of the Act,~~ the provision of legal information of a general nature about the law and legal procedures to members of the public.

**“recognized professional dispute resolution association or regulatory association”** means, for the purposes of subrule 1002(1)(a)(i)(A), the following: ADR Institute of Canada or Saskatchewan; Family Mediation Canada; Mediate BC; Family Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario; Ontario Association for Family Mediation; Saskatchewan College of Psychologists; Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers; and other organizations as may be recognized by the Executive Director.

#### B. Exemptions

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

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

- (a) 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 ~~subrules clauses~~ (i) to (xii):
  - (i) a person serving in a neutral capacity as a mediator or ~~conciliator~~ parenting coordinator provided:
    - (A) the person is employed or contracted by the Government of Saskatchewan or is a member of a recognized professional dispute resolution association or regulatory association other than the Law Society of Saskatchewan;
    - (B) if a family mediator, the person meets statutory requirements set out in *The King's Bench Act, 2023* and *Regulations*; and
    - (C) if a parenting coordinator, the person meets statutory requirements set out in *The Children's Law Regulations, 2021*.

## AMENDMENTS:

The Benchers approved amendments to Part 11 – Professional Responsibility, Rule 1102(13) to clarify the outcomes that constitute “further action” by adding Practice Reviews as an outcome option. Amendments to Rule 1128(1)(a) were housekeeping in nature.

### PART 11 - Professional Responsibility

#### B. Complaints

## Examination of Complaints

1102(13) After the investigation or other action pursuant to subrules (5) to (11), Professional Responsibility Counsel:

- (a) shall take no further action on the complaint if satisfied that:
  - (i) the complaint meets any of the criteria listed under subrule (6);
  - (ii) the complaint is not valid;
  - (iii) the complaint does not raise an issue of ethics, competence or discipline; or
  - (iv) it is otherwise in the public interest to do so.
- (b) may attempt to mediate a resolution to a complaint which raises an issue of ethics, competence or discipline; ~~or~~
- (c) may issue a formal caution, providing advice to the member in relation to the member's conduct; ~~;~~  
or

(d) direct a Practice Review.

## Hearing of the Formal Complaint

1128(1) A person shall not participate as a panelist in the hearing of a Formal Complaint against the member pursuant to this Rule if the person was:

- (a) a member of a Complainants' Review Committee that reviewed the matter;



**CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the resolutions passed  
by the Benchers of the Law Society of Saskatchewan at  
their meeting held December 6, 2024.**

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