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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION
(GROUP PRACTICE) (AMENDMENT)
RULES 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 71(1) of the Legal Profession Act, the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, with the approval of the Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Group Practice) (Amendment) Rules 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st August 2011.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Legal Profession (Group Practice) Rules (R 19) is amended by inserting, immediately before the definition of “firm”, the following definitions:

“ “Central Provident Fund Board” means the Central Provident Fund Board constituted under the Central Provident Fund Act (Cap. 36);

“client account” has the same meaning as in rule 2(1) of the Legal Profession (Solicitors’ Accounts) Rules (R 8);

“conveyancing account”, “conveyancing (CPF) account” and “conveyancing money” have the same meanings as in rule 2(2) of the Conveyancing and Law of Property (Conveyancing) Rules 2011 (G.N. No. S 391/2011);”.

Amendment of rule 8

3. Rule 8 of the Legal Profession (Group Practice) Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) Each firm in a group practice shall maintain, separately from the other firms in the group practice —

- (a) its own client account;
- (b) if it holds or receives (or will hold or receive) any conveyancing money, its own conveyancing account; and
- (c) if it is appointed to act for the Central Provident Fund Board in any conveyancing transaction, its own conveyancing (CPF) account.”.

[G.N. No. S 666/2006]

Made this 6th day of July 2011.

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President,

Council of the Law Society of Singapore.

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 131 of the Legal Profession Act).