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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT
(CHAPTER 161)

LEGAL PROFESSION (REGULATED INDIVIDUALS)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36M of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Legal Profession (Regulated Individuals) (Amendment) Rules 2016 and come into operation on 1 January 2017.

Amendment of rule 5

2. Rule 5 of the Legal Profession (Regulated Individuals) Rules 2015 (G.N. No. S 701/2015) is amended —

(a) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (4) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(e) one of the following declarations for the practice year in which the foreign lawyer is seeking to be registered:

(i) a declaration in writing that the foreign lawyer has complied with every CPD requirement that was applicable to him or her at any time in the calendar year immediately preceding that practice year;

(ii) a declaration in writing that —

(A) the Compliance Committee appointed under the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012 (G.N. No. S 115/2012) has granted the foreign lawyer a waiver of one or more of the CPD requirements that were applicable to him or her at any time in the calendar year immediately preceding that practice year; and

(B) the foreign lawyer has complied with every other CPD requirement that was applicable to him or her at any time in the calendar year immediately preceding that practice year;

(iii) a declaration in writing that no CPD requirement was applicable to the foreign lawyer at any time in the calendar year immediately preceding that practice year.”; and

(b) by deleting paragraph (8) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(8) In this rule —

“CPD requirement” means a requirement relating to continuing professional development set out in the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012;

“practice year” means the period from 1 April in any calendar year to 31 March in the next calendar year;

“relevant legal practice or work” means —

(a) active practice as —

(i) a legal practitioner, by whatever name called, in any jurisdiction other than Singapore; or

(ii) a foreign lawyer in Singapore; or

(b) work of a legal nature which is performed as a legal counsel in any corporation or other entity the equity securities of which are listed on the official list of a securities exchange in Singapore or elsewhere.”.

Made on 9 December 2016.

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Singapore.*

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