

## THE LAW SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND PRACTICE RULES (AMENDMENT RULES) 2019

Rules dated [ ] 2019 made on behalf of the Council of the Law Society of Scotland by the Regulatory Committee formed in accordance with section 3B(1) of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 under sections 25A(4), 25A(5) and 34(1) of that Act and approved by the Lord President under section 34(3) of that Act and by Scottish Ministers (following consultation with the CMA) in terms of sections 25A(9), 25A(10) and 64B of that Act.

### Citation and Commencement

- 1.- (1) These rules may be cited as The Law Society of Scotland Practice Rules (Amendment Rules) 2019.
- (2) These rules shall come into operation on [ ] 2019.

### Definition and Interpretation

- 2.- (1) In these rules, the "Principal Rules" shall mean The Law Society of Scotland Practice Rules 2011.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1978 applies to the interpretation of these rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

### Amendments to the Principal Rules

- 3.- In rule C4.1.1 of the Principal Rules after the definition of "Court" the following shall be added:

"introductory course" a course of practical training explaining the application process, the standards and training required in obtaining a right of audience in the Court the duration, form and content of which shall be prescribed by the Council from time to time"

- 4.- After rule C4.1.1 of the Principal Rules the following shall be added and rules C4.1.2 to 4.1.5 shall be renumbered accordingly:

*"Application for admission to the course of training*

4.1.2 Prior to submitting an application for admission to the course of training an applicant must demonstrate completion of the introductory course.

4.1.3 An application for admission to the course of training shall be submitted in such form as the [Council](#) may prescribe from time to time.

4.1.4 The Council will determine applications for admission to the course of training and shall notify the [applicant](#) of its decision. Where the [Council](#) decides to refuse an application for admission to the course of training, the notification shall state the reasons for that refusal.”

5.- In rule C4.2.1 of the Principal Rules after the definition of “Court” the following shall be added:

“introductory course	a course of practical training explaining the application process, the standards and training required in obtaining a right of audience in the Court the duration, form and content of which shall be prescribed by the Council from time to time”
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6.- After rule C4.2.1 of the Principal Rules the following shall be added and rules C4.2.2 to 4.2.6 shall be renumbered accordingly:

*“Application for admission to the course of training*

4.2.2 Prior to submitting an application for admission to the course of training an applicant must demonstrate completion of the introductory course.

4.2.3 An application for admission to the course of training shall be submitted in such form as the Council may prescribe from time to time.

4.2.4 The Council will determine applications for admission to the course of training and shall notify the applicant of its decision. Where the Council decides to refuse an application for admission to the course of training, the notification shall state the reasons for that refusal.”

7.- In rule C4.4.1 of the Principal Rules after the definition of “solicitor advocate” the following shall be added:

“continuing development	professional	has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Solicitors (Scotland) (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 1993”
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8. After rule C4.4.58 of the Principal Rules the following shall be added:

*“Requirement to demonstrate continuing professional development*

4.4.59 Every solicitor advocate shall undertake a minimum of ten hours continuing professional development related to their practice as a solicitor advocate and shall produce that record to the Council on an annual basis in such form as may be prescribed by the Council from time to time.”