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**NOTICE: CPD YEAR 2014 POINTS REQUIREMENTS & MANDATORY ETHICS PROGRAMME FOR NQLs**

1. The Institute has designated the ethics and professional responsibility programme in the Guidelines attached to this notice, as a mandatory CPD activity for CPD Year 2014 ('Mandatory CPD Activity 2014'). Mandatory CPD Activity 2014 is accredited for 1.5 Public CPD Points.
2. For CPD Year 2014, if you are an **advocate and solicitor admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after 2 January 2009** (i.e. a newly-qualified lawyer), then:

Between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014 (both dates inclusive):

a.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>more than 8 months</b>	You need to obtain <b>16 CPD Points</b> . At least 8 must be Public CPD Points. <b>You must attend Mandatory CPD Activity 2014.</b>
b.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>more than 5 months up to 8 months</b>	You need to obtain <b>8 CPD Points</b> . At least 4 must be Public CPD Points. <b>You must attend Mandatory CPD Activity 2014.</b>
c.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>5 months or less</b>	You do not need to obtain any minimum CPD Points You do not need to attend Mandatory CPD Activity 2014.

Note 1: If you undertook the Mandatory Ethics Programme for CPD Year 2013 specified in the Guidelines on Mandatory CPD Activity for CPD Year 2013 (Ethics and Professional Responsibility), you will not have to undertake Mandatory CPD Activity 2014.

Note 2: If you do not need to obtain any minimum CPD Points for CPD Year 2014 by virtue of your reliance on one or more [Deemed Waivers](#), then you need not undertake Mandatory CPD Activity 2014.

Note 3: You may use the CPD points you obtain for undertaking Mandatory CPD Activity 2014 to meet the minimum number of CPD points you must obtain for CPD Year 2014.

3. Details of the dates and times of the sessions of Mandatory CPD Activity 2014, and how to register for them will be made available on the [SILE CPD Centre](#) in due course.

Yours faithfully,  
Office of Continuing Professional Development  
Singapore Institute of Legal Education

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT  
(CHAPTER 161)  
LEGAL PROFESSION (CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT) RULES 2012  
  
GUIDELINES ON MANDATORY CPD ACTIVITY  
FOR CPD YEAR 2014  
(ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY)

Pursuant to rule 14 of the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012, the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (“the Institute”) issues the following Guidelines on the continuing professional development scheme:

**Mandatory CPD activity**

**1.**—(1) The Institute designates the activity specified at the Schedule to these Guidelines as a mandatory CPD activity for calendar year 2014, for the purposes of rule 9(a) of the Rules.

(2) Every relevant solicitor who:

- (a) is of less than 5 years’ standing on 1st January 2014; and
- (b) in calendar year 2014 has to undertake CPD activities in accordance with rule 9(b) of the Rules,

is required to undertake the mandatory CPD activity specified under paragraph 1(1) above in accordance with all other rules and guidelines as they apply to the undertaking of a CPD activity.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph 1(2) above, a solicitor who undertook the Mandatory Ethics Programme for CPD Year 2013 specified in the Guidelines on Mandatory CPD Activity for CPD Year 2013 (Ethics and Professional Responsibility) will not have to undertake the mandatory CPD activity specified under paragraph 1(1) above.

(4) Subject to paragraph 1(3) above, a solicitor who fails to comply with paragraph 1(2) above shall have failed to fulfil his CPD requirements for calendar year 2014 regardless of the number of CPD points he obtained and his compliance with other CPD requirements.

### **Obtaining CPD points**

2. A solicitor may use the CPD points he has obtained for undertaking the mandatory CPD activity specified under paragraph 1(1) above to meet the minimum number of CPD points he must obtain under rule 9(b) for calendar year 2014.

## SCHEDULE

Paragraph 1

## MANDATORY ETHICS PROGRAMME FOR CPD YEAR 2014

**Objectives**

This is a programme designed to expose newly-qualified lawyers (0 to 5 years PQE) to a range of actual scenarios where lawyers may struggle with identifying what the professional ethics issues are and how to effectively deal with them. This programme seeks to build on the ethics training that a lawyer would have received prior to his admission to the Singapore Bar by focussing on the cultivation of the ability to deal with ethical challenges for which there are no clear dos and don'ts.

Through this programme, participants will:

- Identify practice situations which warrant heightened sensitivity to potential risks from an ethics and professional conduct perspective.
- Consider how to manage those risks in an appropriate manner.

**Approach**

This programme will utilise case studies which are based on anonymised queries that the Law Society's Ethics Committee has received, and a panel discussion of questions raised by participants. This programme will be conducted by practitioner-trainers and chaired by a senior lawyer who will manage the panel discussion.

**Organiser**

This programme is designed and will be run by the Law Society of Singapore.

**Accreditation**

This programme is an accredited CPD activity for which public CPD points may be obtained.