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Rules of Professional Conduct

Adopted by Convocation on June 22, 2000, effective November 1, 2000

Amendments based on the Federation of Law Societies Model Code of Professional Conduct adopted by Convocation October 24, 2013, effective October 1, 2014

Amendments current to October 24, 2019 (see [Amendment History](#))

Note: Paralegals should consult the [Paralegal Rules of Conduct](#).

Complete Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct

Individual sections:

- [Chapter 1: Citation and Interpretation](#) — definitions for key terms used throughout the Rules
- [Chapter 2: Integrity](#) — a lawyer's professional duty to act honourably and with integrity
- [Chapter 3: Relationship to Clients](#) — client-related issues such as lawyer competence, quality of service, confidentiality, conflicts of interest and fees
- [Chapter 4: The Practice of Law](#) — issues related to marketing and advertising of law practices and professional services
- [Chapter 5: Relationship to the Administration of Justice](#) — a lawyer's responsibilities to the courts, participants in the legal system and to the overall administration of justice
- [Chapter 6: Relationship to Students, Employees, and Others](#) — a lawyer's conduct toward students, employees and others, including areas such as supervision, sexual

harassment and discrimination

- Chapter 7: Relationship to the Law Society and Other Lawyers — a lawyer's responsibilities toward the Law Society and members of the profession, involvement in multi-discipline practices and public office