

Primer on Professional Ethics for Practice Trainees

1st run: 21 April 2010, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Supreme Court Auditorium,
Level B2, Supreme Court
2nd run: 28 April 2010, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Venue to be confirmed

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Primer on Professional Ethics is conducted by the Law Society of Singapore. Completion of the Course fulfils the guidelines issued by the Board of Legal Education for purpose of rule 6(1)(c) of the Legal Profession (Practice Training Period) Rules 2009.

The Course is structured as a comprehensive full-day programme using lectures, case-studies, small group discussions and a role-play exercise with our experts to enhance learning of the key ethical obligations every legal practitioner should know. The case studies will also provide an understanding of the duties of a lawyer in relation to different groups of stakeholders he encounters in his practice.

An assessment of ethical competence based on the learning outcomes of the primer will be administered at the end of the course to gauge the extent of understanding of the registrant. Registrants who do not meet minimum criteria for this assessment may be requested to take a further test.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This Primer is for Practice Trainees who have become “qualified persons” as defined in the Legal Profession Act read with the Legal Profession (Qualified Persons) Rules 2009 **on or after 9 October 2009**.

The Primer will equip the registrant with the essential foundation to understanding a lawyer’s duties and ethical obligations and the implications and impact of breach of the rules which govern them.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, the participants will have an understanding of the following:

- (1) General ethical principles
- (2) Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules; and
- (3) Dealing with practical ethical issues arising from specific practice settings.

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

For 1 st run: 21 April Wed	For 2 nd run: 28 April Wed	Programme
8.30am – 9.00am	8.30am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 10.00am	9.00am-10.00am	Overview of Common ethical issues arising from different practice areas <i>Malathi Das, Consultant, Joyce A. Tan & Partners</i>
10.00am – 12.00pm	10.00am- 12.00pm	Small Group Discussions of Practical Ethics Case Studies <i>Alvin Chen, Director, The Law Society of Singapore</i>
12.00pm – 1.00pm	12.00pm-1.00pm	Lunch Break
1.00pm – 3.30pm	1.00pm – 3.30pm	Ethics in Practice: Role-play exercise <i>Facilitated by Alvin Chen, Director, The Law Society of Singapore & Officers from The Law Society of Singapore</i>
3.30pm – 5.00pm	3.30pm-5.00pm	Formal Assessment of Ethical Competence

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Malathi Das, Consultant, Joyce A. Tan & Partner

Malathi Das has been a member of the Council of the Law Society of Singapore since 1996 and had served her fourth term as its Vice-President until 2009. Malathi is also Vice-President and Exco member of regional law organisation LAWASIA. She practices in the field of commercial, intellectual property law and family litigation in Messrs Joyce A. Tan and Partners. She lectures and tutors the Professional Responsibility module at the Postgraduate Practice Law Course run by the Board of Legal Education and has co-authored an article on amendments to the Legal Profession Act published in the Singapore Academy of Law Journal. She believes that many instances of breaches of professional conduct by members can be avoided by seeking guidance from fellow senior practitioners or the Law Society and consciously keeping abreast of current developments in legal practice.

Alvin Chen, Director, The Law Society of Singapore

Alvin is the director of the Representation and Law Reform department of the Law Society and oversees the Society's Ethics Committee. He was previously a Deputy Public Prosecutor and State Counsel with the Attorney-General's Chambers and a litigation lawyer.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): _____

Name and Address of Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation:

NRIC/Passport No: _____ Email: _____

Tel number: _____ Fax number: _____

Tell us more about yourself:

- Have you become a "qualified person" before 9 October 2009 : Yes No
- Have you gone through the Practical Law Course in 2009? : Yes No
- Are you an overseas graduate who is currently undergoing "6 months of relevant legal experience" : Yes No
- Are you currently serving the Practice Training Contract: Yes No

Mode of payment : Cheque Credit Card GIRO DDA
(Only for law practices with GIRO accounts with the Law Society)

I wish to attend the following: (please select one)

- 1st run on 21 April 2010 (9.00am - 5.00pm)
 2nd run on 28 April 2010 (9.00am - 5.00pm)

Credit card: Mastercard/Visa No. _____

Card Expiry Date: _____ (MM/YY)

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signature: _____

An administration charge of 3% is applicable for payments made via credit card.

Cheque payments should be made payable to 'The Law Society of Singapore' & arrive at our office with the completed registration form on or before the closing date, **15 March 2010, 5pm (for 1st run) and 5 April, 5pm (for 2nd run):**

For enquiries, please contact Continuing Professional Development Department.

Tel: (65) 6530 0230 Fax: (65) 6536 3855

E-mail: cpd@lawsoc.org.sg Website: www.lawsociety.org.sg/cpd

Please circle as appropriate	Fees Inclusive of 7% GST, 1 break and course materials.
Mandatory Practice Trainees (those who will become "qualified persons" on or after 9 October 2009)	\$173.40
Voluntary Practice Trainees (those who have become "qualified persons" before 9 October 2009)	\$173.40
Members of the Law Soc and employees of law practices	\$199.40
Others	\$ 208.00

REGISTRATION, REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- The registration fee is due and payable upon registration and must be received prior to the event. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
- The Law Society reserves the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course or event.
- If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate is welcomed, provided that the Law Society is notified in writing of the name and particulars of the substitute delegate at least 2 working days before the course or event.
- The Law Society reserves the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to cancel his registration or withdraw from the course or event after the registration closing date.
- No refund of registration fees will be made for cancellation or withdrawal made less than 3 days before the date of the course or event. However, a confirmed registrant who has fully paid the course fees but who does not turn up for the course or event will be entitled upon reasonable request to collect a set of the materials provided.
- The Law Society reserves the right to amend, cancel and/or change the program, speaker, date or venue if warranted by circumstances beyond its control.
- Late payment interest at the rate of 1% per month will be charged on all overdue amounts.
- Any costs, fees or expenses (including legal costs) incurred by the Law Society as a result of a breach of the terms and conditions herein or arising out of the enforcement of any of the Law Society's rights hereunder shall be recoverable by the Law Society from the registrant on a full indemnity basis.
- No waiver by the Law Society of any breach of any of the terms and conditions herein shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other or of any subsequent breach. The failure of the Law Society or any delay on its part to enforce at any time any of the terms and conditions herein shall in no way be interpreted as a waiver of such provision.