

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 7.2.1

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 33; PDR 1989, chap 7, para 1]

ACTING AGAINST A PUBLIC AUTHORITY

As a general rule, a solicitor (as defined by the subsidiary legislation) who is a member of a public authority or any partner of or assistant employed by such solicitor should not be professionally engaged against such authority in any proceedings to which such authority is a party or in any matter in which such authority is directly interested. If exceptional circumstances justify any departure from this general rule it is the duty of the solicitor to ensure that the interests of the authority are effectively protected.

Where an advocate and solicitor is retained by the Attorney-General in the case of civil proceedings by or against the Government or a public officer, member's attention is drawn to section 24(3) of the Government Proceedings Act (Cap 121, 1985 Rev Ed).

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