

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1.6.2

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 43; PDR 1989, chap 1, para 36]

**DUTY OF LEGAL PRACTITIONER TO LAY INFORMATION OF CRIMINAL
OFFENCE**

Facts: A legal practitioner acting for a woman who wishes to petition for the divorce of her husband discovers that the husband was guilty of having committed the offence of bigamy. The legal practitioner sought guidance whether he/she was bound to lay criminal information against the husband before proceeding with the divorce suit.

Guidance: The legal practitioner was under no obligation to lay information of bigamy having been committed by the husband before proceeding with the divorce petition. However, in the divorce petition, the legal practitioner was bound to disclose all the facts within his/her knowledge.

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