

**THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 1.7.1**

*[Formerly PDR 2013, para 38; PDR 1989, chap 1, para 30]*

**LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AS WITNESSES**

A legal practitioner shall not represent any party in any case in which he/she has reason to believe that he/she will be a witness in respect of a material and disputed question of fact, and if while appearing in a case it becomes apparent that he/she will be such a witness, he/she should discharge himself/herself and in so doing, take all reasonable steps to ensure that he/she does not jeopardise his/her client's interests.

A legal practitioner shall not appear before an appellate tribunal if in the case under appeal he/she has been a witness on a material and disputed question of fact in the court below.

Nothing contained in this Practice Direction shall prevent a legal practitioner from swearing an affidavit as to formal or undisputed facts in matters in which he/she acts or appears.

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