

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1.9.2

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 42; PDR 1989, chap 1, para 35]

**COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS: ATTESTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME
LAW FIRM**

It has come to the attention of the Council that there have been cases in which an advocate and solicitor (as defined by the Subsidiary Legislation) acts as Commissioner for Oaths in a matter in which another member of the firm is acting as advocate and solicitor.

The Council is of the view that in order to avoid any suggestion that there may be a conflict of interest, the advocate and solicitor should not act as Commissioner for Oaths in any matter in which he/she or any other member of the firm is acting as advocate and solicitor, and vice versa. This is in accordance with the current rule 9 of the Commissioner for Oaths Rules (Cap 322, R 3, 1997 Rev Ed).

For the avoidance of doubt, this restriction does not extend to members of different law practices within the same group practice.

[Note: Members are reminded to refer to the Singapore Academy of Law's website for the latest Commissioner for Oaths manual(s).]

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