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Continuing Professional Development

(Amendment) Rules 2001

(Made by the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong under section 73 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) with the prior approval of the Chief Justice)

1. Interpretation

Section 2 of the Continuing Professional Development Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) is amended, in the definition of "practice year"---

(a) by repealing "a calendar year (from 1 January to 31 December)" and substituting "a period of 12 months ending on 31 October each year";

(b) by repealing "pursuant to a trainee solicitor contract".

2. Continuing professional development requirements

Section 5(2)(a) is amended by repealing "pursuant to a trainee solicitor contract".

3. Section added

The following is added---

"14. Transitional

(1) Notwithstanding the definition of "practice year" in section 2, the practice year for the period ending 31 October 2001 shall be the period between 1 January 2001 and 31 October 2001.

(2) Section 5 shall have effect in relation to the practice year in subsection (1) as if the reference in that section to 15 CPD accreditation points were a reference to 12 1/2 CPD accreditation points. "

Approved this 3rd day of July 2001.

Andrew LI

Chief Justice

Made this 3rd day of July 2001.

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## Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the definition of "practice year" in section 2 of the Continuing Professional Development Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg.) so that a practice year will run from 1 November of each year to 31 October of the following year. As a transitional arrangement, the practice year for the period ending 31 October 2001 shall be the period between 1 January 2001 and 31 October 2001 and the CPD accreditation points to be accumulated for such period shall be adjusted accordingly.