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# LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2006

(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. Commencement

These Rules shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong by notice published in the Gazette.

### 2. Section added

Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) is amended by adding—

## **"8A.** Society may grant exemption

(1) The Society may exempt a person to whom these Rules apply from the requirements under section 5, 6 or 7 wholly or partially in a particular practice year or such longer period as the Society decides.

- (2) An exemption may be granted—
  - (a) on an application in writing of a person to whom these Rules apply; or
  - (b) on the Society's own motion.

(3) No exemption shall be granted unless the Society is satisfied that it is fair and reasonable in the circumstances of the case to grant the exemption.

(4) The Society may attach such conditions as it considers necessary to an exemption.".

Approved this 17th day of November 2006.

Andrew LI Chief Justice

Made this 21st day of November 2006.

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### **Explanatory Note**

Under the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) ("the principal Rules"), solicitors, trainee solicitors and foreign lawyers are required to attend risk management education courses. Application of the principal Rules is subject to phased commencement.

2. These Rules add a new section to the principal Rules to enable The Law Society of Hong Kong to grant exemption from attending risk management education courses under fair and reasonable circumstances.