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Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) (Amendment) Rules 2014

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

1. Commencement

These Rules 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. Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) Rules amended

The Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AD) are amended as set out in section 3.

- 3. Schedule amended (scheduled items)
 - (1) The Schedule—

Repeal

"1990".

(2) The Schedule, before "Practice Directions issued by the Society"—

Add

Section 3

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"Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z)

Item	Description	Fixed penalty \$	Fixed investigation cost \$
1.	Section 5(1)	10,000	15,000
2.	Section 6(1)	10,000	15,000
3.	Section 7(2)	10,000	15,000".

Approved this 29th day of May 2014.

Geoffrey MA Chief Justice Made this 30th day of June 2014.

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Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Summary Disposal of Complaints (Solicitors) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. AD) (*the principal Rules*).

- 2. The reference of "Practice Directions 1990" in the Schedule to the principal Rules be amended to "Practice Directions" because "Practice Directions 1990" was renamed as "Practice Directions". The consolidated Practice Directions were first issued in 1990. Since then, new Practice Directions have been issued. The reference to "1990" may create confusion as to the effective date of the newly issued Practice Directions.
- 3. A new heading in the Schedule to the principal Rules entitled the Legal Practitioners (Risk Management Education) Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. Z) (*RME Rules*) is introduced. The scheduled items under this new heading are sections 5(1), 6(1) and 7(2) of the RME Rules.