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**Paper for the House Committee Meeting
on 13 August 2021**

**Legal Service Division Report on
Subsidiary Legislation Gazetted on 6 August 2021**

Tabling in LegCo : Council meeting of 18 August 2021

Amendment to be made by : Council meeting of 15 September 2021 (or that of 6 October 2021 if extended by resolution)

**Admission and Registration (Amendment) Rules 2021
(Commencement) Notice** **(L.N. 138)**

By L.N. 138, the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong ("Law Society") appoints 1 November 2021 as the day on which the Admission and Registration (Amendment) Rules 2021 (L.N. 40 of 2021) ("Amendment Rules") come into operation.

2. The Amendment Rules were published in the Gazette on 19 March 2021 mainly to amend Form 4 (Application for a Certificate of Eligibility for Admission as a Solicitor on the basis of compliance with section 4(1)(a)¹ – Trainee Solicitors) in the Schedule to the Admission and Registration Rules (Cap. 159B). The effect of the Amendment Rules is to include, for the purposes of an application for admission as a solicitor, international law as one of the basic legal topics in which a trainee solicitor may gain proper training and experience. No subcommittee was formed to study the Amendment Rules. Members may refer to the Legislative Council Brief (with no file reference) issued by the Law Society on 6 August 2021 for further information.

¹ Under section 4(1)(a) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159), the Court of First Instance may admit as a solicitor of the High Court a person who the Court considers is a fit and proper person to be a solicitor, and who has complied with prescribed requirements with respect to, among others, employment as a trainee solicitor.

3. Upon the Legal Service Division's enquiry, the Law Society replied that its members have not been specifically consulted on the commencement date of the Amendment Rules.

4. As advised by the Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, the Panel has not been consulted on L.N. 138.

5. No difficulties have been identified in the legal and drafting aspects of L.N. 138.

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