

# THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

## PRACTICE DIRECTION 1.6.1

*[Formerly PDR 2013, para 50; PDR 1989, chap 1, paras 52–53]*

### ATTESTATION OF DOCUMENTS

#### **A. Requirement for Signatories to Personally Appear Before Legal Practitioner Attesting to the Signature of Documents**

In a past complaint investigated by the Inquiry Committee, it was alleged that a legal practitioner had attested the signature of certain documents without the signatory having personally appeared before the legal practitioner. Members of the profession are warned of the dangers of this practice. Members who are Commissioners for Oaths are particularly advised to heed the warning.

#### **B. False Attestation of Documents**

False attestation of documents may amount to grossly improper conduct in the discharge of a legal practitioner's professional duty and a breach of the Legal Profession Act (Cap 161, 2009 Rev Ed). Legal practitioners should be mindful of the serious and obvious dangers of this practice.

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