

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 3.5.2

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 69; Council's Ruling 1 of 2001]

RULE 33 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT) RULES 2015

Rule 33(1) of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules 2015 (S 706/2015) ('PCR 2015') states that the Council's approval must be obtained for the use of any description other than "advocate and solicitor", "lawyer", "legal consultant", "Commissioner for Oaths" or "Notary Public" to describe a legal practitioner.

The Council has approved the use of the following designations for Singapore advocates and solicitors:

- (a) Sole Proprietor
- (b) Partner
- (c) Senior Partner
- (d) Managing Partner
- (e) Founding Partner
- (f) Legal Assistant
- (g) Associate
- (h) Senior Associate
- (i) Consultant
- (j) Senior Consultant
- (k) Counsel
- (l) Director
- (m) Managing Director
- (n) Senior Executive Director
- (o) Executive Director
- (p) Senior Associate Director
- (q) Associate Director
- (r) Chairman
- (s) Adviser
- (t) Senior Adviser

Rule 33(2) of the PCR 2015 further states that the Council's approval must be obtained for the use of any description other than "foreign lawyer" and "legal consultant" (if qualified to be one) to describe a legal practitioner who is a regulated foreign lawyer.

The Council has also ruled from 12 January 2001 that the calling cards of directors of a law corporation must carry the description 'advocate and solicitor' after their designation.

The Council would kindly remind members that if calling cards are to be given to support staff employed in an executive capacity, the following information must be contained in the calling card:

- (a) the name of the person for whose use the business card is provided; and
- (b) the designation, which shall be stated in a manner as not to give the impression that he is a legal practitioner.

Members are reminded that it is the duty of the legal practitioner who provides the business card to ensure that the member of staff shall not use the business card without the authority of the firm or law corporation or in circumstances that will result in a breach of the PCR 2015.

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