

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 3.3.11

ONLINE DIGITAL PAYMENTS FROM CLIENT ACCOUNTS

Rules 2(1), 8(4A), 8(5) and 8(7) of the Legal Profession (Solicitors' Accounts) Rules have been amended to allow for online digital payments from client accounts.

Such online digital payments can only be made with the authorisation of two solicitors via digital means through a regulated financial institution's smartphone app with biometric (fingerprint or facial recognition) authentication.

Solicitors are reminded not to relinquish their control of the smartphone app by any means, including but not limited to the divulgence of their user IDs, passwords and One Time Passwords (OTPs) to any other persons.

All of the responsibilities and duties of a second authorising solicitor in Practice Direction 3.3.10 continue to apply.

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