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CIRCULAR 23-264 (SD)

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23-264 (SD) GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF SUPERVISION CONDITION FROM THE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION AS A FOREIGN LAWYER

1. An applicant may apply to the Law Society to remove the supervision condition from his certificate of registration as a foreign lawyer by statutory declaration. The guidelines for this kind of applications as set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Circular 10-66 have been updated and the application procedures streamlined. The statutory declaration must include the following information:-
 - (a) The jurisdiction upon which the applicant's registration as a foreign lawyer is based;
 - (b) The period(s) of supervised practice completed by the applicant in the foreign firm(s) and/or Hong Kong firm(s) ("**firm(s)**") for the purpose of calculating the period of "at least 2 years of post-qualification experience in the full-time practice of foreign law", as required under section 5(2) of the Foreign Lawyers Registration Rules, stating:
 - (i) the exact dates of commencing and ceasing of employment(s);
 - (ii) the position(s) held;
 - (iii) the law(s) of the jurisdiction(s) which the applicant has practised full-time under supervision;
 - (iv) the nature of work undertaken or practice area(s); and
 - (v) the name(s) of the applicant's direct supervisor(s).

The applicant's statutory declaration should exhibit certified copies of letter(s) issued by a principal of each of the firm(s) to support the information in the above paragraphs(a) and (b).

2. The Law Society reserves its right to ask for more supporting information and documents.
3. The application fee is HK\$3,800.
4. This Circular is mandatory and superseded paragraphs 8 and 9 of [Circular 10-66 \(SD\)](#).