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**Regulations: Legal Practitioners
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CIRCULAR 23-419 (SD)

3 July 2023

23-419 (SD) THE HONG KONG SOLICITORS' GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, VOLUME 1 ("THE GUIDE")

Amendment to Principle 2.01 of the Guide and the addition of a new Commentary thereto

1. As announced in [Circular 23-111](#), the new Sections 6(6B) and 6(6C) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) ("LPO") in respect of the mandatory practice management course requirement for the first issue of an unconditional practising certificate comes into operation on 3 July 2023.
2. Consequential to the imposition of the new requirement, the second paragraph in Principle 2.01 of the Guide is amended as follows with effect from 3 July 2023 to include cross-references to the new Sections 6(6B) and 6(6C) of the LPO :-

"2.01 Practising certificates

...

A sole practitioner or partner must hold an unconditional practising certificate (Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159), sections 6(6), & 6(6A), 6(6B) and 6(6C))."

3. In addition, a new Commentary 6 as follows is added to Principle 2.01 of the Guide with effect from 3 July 2023 to make a cross-reference to Circular 23-111 :-

"Commentary

...

6. *See Circular 23-111 for more on the mandatory practice management course requirement for the first issue of an unconditional practising certificate under sections 6(6B) and 6(6C) of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159), which came into operation on 3 July 2023."*
4. Please click [here](#) for the updated Chapter 2 of the Guide incorporating the changes mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.



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