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NOTICE: CPD YEAR 2013 REQUIREMENTS

1. CPD Year 2013 shall commence on **1 January 2013** and end on **31 December 2013**.
2. For CPD Year 2013, if you are an **advocate and solicitor admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after 2 January 2008** ('Newly-qualified Lawyer'), then:

Between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 (both dates inclusive):

a.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for more than 8 months	You need to obtain 16 CPD Points . At least 8 must be Public CPD Points.
b.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for more than 5 months up to 8 months	You need to obtain 8 CPD Points . At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.
c.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for 5 months or less	You do not need to obtain any minimum CPD Points.

3. The Institute intends to implement a mandatory ethics programme ('CPD Ethics Programme') for CPD Year 2013. Newly-qualified Lawyers will be required to attend the CPD Ethics Programme for which they may obtain up to 2 Public CPD Points. The CPD Points obtained will count towards the fulfillment of their CPD Points requirements for CPD Year 2013. The details of the CPD Ethics Programme will be made known through the publication of an advisory at a later date.
4. Advocates and solicitors admitted to the Singapore Bar between 2 January 2007 and 1 January 2008 (both dates inclusive) will not have to obtain any minimum CPD Points for CPD Year 2013 but will continue to be subject to the other requirements as set out in the definition of 'CPD requirements' in the CPD Rules 2012.
5. The following continue **not** to be subject to CPD requirements under the CPD Rules 2012:
 - a. locum solicitors regardless of when they were admitted to the Singapore Bar;
 - b. advocates and solicitors admitted to the Singapore Bar on or before 1 January 2007;
 - c. foreign lawyers; and
 - d. holders of the Foreign Practitioner Certificate.
6. Please refer to the Guide to CPD Scheme 2013 which will be available in the SILE CPD Centre from January 2013, for more information.

Yours faithfully,
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The following examples illustrate your CPD Points Requirements if you are a Newly-qualified Lawyer in CPD Year 2013.

Example 1: You hold a Singapore practising certificate ('PC') from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2013. Since you hold a PC for more than 8 months, you need to obtain 16 CPD Points and at least 8 must be Public CPD Points

Example 2: You do not hold a PC from 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013. However, you take out a PC on 1 April 2013 and continue to hold your PC until 31 December 2013. Since you hold a PC for more than 8 months, you need to obtain 16 CPD Points and at least 8 must be Public CPD Points

Example 3: You hold a PC from 1 January 2013 until it expires on 31 March 2013. On 1 September 2013 you take out a PC and continue to hold it until 31 December 2013. Since you hold a PC for more than 5 months but less than 8 months, you need to obtain 8 CPD Points and at least 4 must be Public CPD Points.

Example 4: You hold a PC from 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013. You do not take out a PC at any time in the remainder of calendar year 2013. Since you hold a PC for 5 months or less, you do not need to meet any minimum CPD Points Requirements.

Note: You may obtain CPD Points for CPD Activities which you undertake in that part of CPD Year 2013 during which you are not holding a PC, in order to fulfil your CPD Points Requirements for CPD Year 2013.