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**NOTICE: COMMENCEMENT OF PHASE 2 OF CPD SCHEME & CPD POINTS REQUIREMENTS FOR CPD YEAR 2015**

1. The continuing professional development scheme ('CPD Scheme') will enter its second phase ('Phase 2') with effect from 1 January 2015. In Phase 2, the following lawyers (including those practising as locum solicitors) will need to fulfil CPD requirements:
  - a. **Senior Lawyers of between 5 and 15 years' standing** – lawyers admitted to the Singapore Bar between 2 January 2000 and 1 January 2010 (both dates inclusive);
  - b. **Newly-Qualified Lawyers of up to 5 years' standing** – lawyers admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after 2 January 2010.

2. For CPD Year 2015, the CPD Points requirements are as follows:

		<b>Newly-Qualified Lawyers</b>	<b>Senior Lawyers</b>
a.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>more than 8 months</b>	You will need to obtain <b>16 CPD Points</b> . At least 8 must be Public CPD Points.	You will need to obtain <b>8 CPD Points</b> . At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.
b.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>more than 5 months up to 8 months</b>	You will need to obtain <b>8 CPD Points</b> . At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.	You will need to obtain <b>4 CPD Points</b> . At least 2 must be Public CPD Points.
c.	If you hold a Practising Certificate for <b>5 months or less</b>	You do not need to obtain any minimum CPD Points.	

3. New categories of CPD Activities have been added to the CPD Scheme with the commencement of Phase 2. The activities which Senior Lawyers and Newly-Qualified Lawyers may undertake to obtain CPD Points in CPD Year 2015 include:

**Public CPD Points**

- a. Attending a conference, lecture, seminar or workshop accredited by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.
- b. Teaching in, or acting as a subject-coordinator in the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.
- c. Acting as an examiner for the Foreign Practitioner Examinations.

#### **Private CPD Points**

- d. Attending a conference, lecture, seminar or workshop which is not accredited by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. These may deal primarily with matters relating to the practice of law, or cover one or more of the following areas:
    - (i) financial literacy;
    - (ii) information technology and computer literacy;
    - (iii) office productivity and management skills;
    - (iv) presentation and communication skills;
    - (v) personal management and development skills;
    - (vi) any non-legal specialist knowledge relevant to the lawyer's practice needs.
  - e. Attending an in-house seminar conducted by a law practice for its own lawyers.
  - f. Attending a small group discussion organised by a group of lawyers or law practices.
  - g. Reviewing a multi-media, Internet-based, audio-visual, audio or video programme or material.
  - h. Writing an article relating to the practice of law that is published in an approved publication.
  - i. Serving as a member of an approved committee of the Law Society of Singapore, the Singapore Academy of Law and the Singapore Institute of Legal Education.
  - j. Performing services under the pro bono programme for law students.
4. Senior Lawyers may also obtain CPD Points by speaking, teaching or participating in a panel discussion, in a conference, lecture, seminar or workshop that deals primarily with matters relating to the practice of law. Public CPD Points may be obtained where the activity is accredited by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education. Otherwise, Private CPD Points may be obtained.
5. For more information on the CPD Scheme, please refer to the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012 and the Guidelines on the Continuing Professional Development Scheme 2015, available at the [SILE CPD Centre](http://silecpdcentre.sg/lawyer/legislation) at <http://silecpdcentre.sg/lawyer/legislation>.

Yours faithfully,  
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