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# Rules of Professional Conduct

*Adopted by Convocation on June 22, 2000, effective November 1, 2000*

*Amendments based on the Federation of Law Societies Model Code of Professional Conduct  
adopted by Convocation October 24, 2013, effective October 1, 2014*

*Amendments current to October 24, 2019 (see [Amendment History](#))*

**Note: Paralegals should consult the [Paralegal Rules of Conduct](#).**

## **Complete Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct**

### **Individual sections:**

- [Chapter 1: Citation and Interpretation](#) — definitions for key terms used throughout the Rules
- [Chapter 2: Integrity](#) — a lawyer's professional duty to act honourably and with integrity
- [Chapter 3: Relationship to Clients](#) — client-related issues such as lawyer competence, quality of service, confidentiality, conflicts of interest and fees
- [Chapter 4: The Practice of Law](#) — issues related to marketing and advertising of law practices and professional services
- [Chapter 5: Relationship to the Administration of Justice](#) — a lawyer's responsibilities to the courts, participants in the legal system and to the overall administration of justice
- [Chapter 6: Relationship to Students, Employees, and Others](#) — a lawyer's conduct toward students, employees and others, including areas such as supervision, sexual

harassment and discrimination

- Chapter 7: Relationship to the Law Society and Other Lawyers — a lawyer's responsibilities toward the Law Society and members of the profession, involvement in multi-discipline practices and public office