

# **Guide to the Rules of Professional Conduct**

## **Amended by Convocation October 24, 2013**

### **Amendments Effective October 1, 2014**

IN THESE RULES:

- a. Chapters are assigned a single digit, as in **Chapter 1 – Citation and Interpretation**
- b. Sections are assigned two digits separated by a decimal point, the second number beginning with 1 (subject to paragraph g.) as in **Section 3.1 – Competence**
- c. Rules include the section number and are assigned an additional number, beginning with 1 (subject to paragraph g.) preceded by a dash, as in **Reasonable Fees and Disbursements 3.6-1**
- d. Paragraphs of commentary are assigned a number in square brackets, beginning with 1 (subject to paragraph g.) as in **[6]**.
- e. Rules or paragraphs of commentary in the Federation of Law Societies of Canada Model Code of Professional Conduct (“Model Code”) not adopted in these rules are assigned the phrase **[FLSC - not in use]**
- f. Sections, rules or paragraphs of commentary in these rules that do not appear in the Model Code are assigned a numerical suffix preceded by a decimal point, as in **Section 7.8.1, rule 3.4-11.1 and commentary [4.1]**.
- g. If a section, rule or paragraph of commentary described in paragraph f. is, at a given location, the first section, rule or paragraph of commentary, it is assigned the number 0, as in **Section 1.0 or rule 4.2-0**.
- h. New sections, rules or commentaries as a result of amendments to the Model Code are assigned the appropriate capital letter suffix, for example, **rule 4.1-2A or commentary [6B]**.
- i. Deletions are assigned the word “deleted” in square brackets following the relevant section, rule or commentary number, for example, **6.4-1 [deleted]**.