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**THE LEGAL PROFESSION ACT**

THE LEGAL PROFESSION (CANONS OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the General Legal Council by section 12 (7) of the Legal Profession Act, and of every other power hereunto enabling, the following Rules are hereby made:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) (Amendment) Rules, 2014, and shall be read and construed as one with the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules) and all amendments thereto.

2. Canon I of the principal Rules is amended by inserting next after paragraph (f) the following paragraph—

“(g) An attorney shall file with the Council such declarations as are required by section 5(3C) of the Act.”.

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3. Canon IV of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the proviso to paragraph (t) and replacing it with the following—

“Provided that an Attorney may reveal confidence or secrets in the following circumstances:—

- (i) where it is necessary to establish or collect his fee;
- (ii) to defend himself or his employees or associates against an accusation of wrongful conduct;
- (iii) in accordance with the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act and any regulations made under that Act;
- (iv) in accordance with the provisions of the Terrorism Prevention Act and any regulations made under that Act; or
- (v) where the attorney is required by law to disclose knowledge of all material facts relating to a serious offence that has been committed.”

4. Canon VIII of the principal Rules is amended in paragraph (d) by inserting next after the figure “I(b)” the figure “, (g)”.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2014.

B. ST. MICHAEL HYLTON  
Chairman  
General Legal Council.