



## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

### Two new proceedings

In February 2016, Convocation approved amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct* to formally designate the Law Society Tribunal as the body that hears applications from retired judges who wish to appear as counsel and from applicants who wish to work with or employ unauthorized persons.

In April 2016, Convocation approved amendments to the *Law Society Tribunal Hearing Division Rules of Practice and Procedure* that created two new proceedings: a retired judge appearing as counsel proceeding and a working with or employing unauthorized persons proceeding.

### Retired judge appearing as counsel

Retired judges requesting permission to appear as counsel or advocate under s.7.7 of the *Rules of Professional Conduct* must submit a “Request for Approval for a Retired Judge to Appear as Counsel or Advocate” form to the Law Society of Upper Canada. The form is available on the Society’s website [here](#). After reviewing the form, the Society will then file a notice of referral for hearing with the Law Society Tribunal.

### Working with or employing unauthorized persons

An applicant who wishes to work with or employ an unauthorized person must complete an application form and an “Information for a Plan of Supervision” form. The former or suspended licensee must also complete an application form. The forms are available on the Society’s website [here](#). After reviewing the forms, the Society will then file a notice of referral for hearing with the Law Society Tribunal.

### Rule 29

Rule 29 of the *Law Society Tribunal Hearing Division Rules of Practice and Procedure* sets out a process in writing where the proceeding is on consent. If the proceeding is not on consent, the Rules apply as they would to any other proceeding commenced with a notice of referral for hearing.

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