

Advice

(4) Following the examination under subsection (3), the Rules Committee shall advise the Executive and the members of the Society that the proposed rule has been examined and indicate any matter referred to in that subsection to which the attention of the Executive and the members of the Society should be drawn.

Restriction on making rules prior to examination

(5) Despite any other provision of this Act, the Executive and the Society may not make or confirm any rule prior to receiving advice under subsection (4) respecting that rule.

During 2018-19, the current Rules of the Law Society were referred to the Rules Committee for examination in accordance with section 8.1(4). The Committee provided a summary of its examination to the Executive, outlining those Rules for which authority was lacking or minimal.

The Executive engaged Merrilee Rasmussen to prepare an initial draft of a revision of the Rules, taking into account the comments from the Rules Committee as well as updating references and incorporating other changes of a housekeeping nature. The initial draft has recently been submitted to the Executive for further action. The expectation is that a revision of the Rules will be forthcoming in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The Rules Committee continues to review proposed Rules and provide recommendations to the Executive in accordance with subsection 8.1(4). For example: amendments to the Model Code of Conduct and Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Rules and proposals to allow for electronic voting to elect members of the Executive.