

## Annex 1 Summary of Revisions to the Code of Conduct

	Provision/Rule	Subject matter	Remarks
1	3.1-2 Commentary [4]	Standards of a Competent Lawyer: Use of Technology	Added commentary 4A and 4B Basis: FLSC Model Code; NU Context considered.
2	3.1-2 Commentary [8]	Standards of a Competent Lawyer: Providing Legal Opinion	Added: "A lawyer should only express his or her legal opinion when it is genuinely held and is provided to the standard of a competent lawyer."  Basis: FLSC Model Code
3	3.1-2 Commentary [10A]	Standards of a Competent Lawyer: expectations of a lawyer when a client has misunderstood the matter	Added: "[10A] When it becomes apparent that the client has misunderstood or misconceived the position or what is really involved, the lawyer should explain, as well as advise, so that the client is apprised of the true position and fairly advised about the real issues or questions involved."  Basis: Manitoba's Code of Professional Conduct; NU context considered.
4	3.2-1 Commentary [6]	Quality of Service	Change from "prosecuting" to "handling" a matter.
5	3.2-7	Dishonesty, Fraud by Clients or Others	Addition to the rule strengthens the profession's ethics by adding omissions, and raises the standard by including actions and omissions that the lawyer ought to know will assist dishonesty, etc. by the client. Basis: FLSC Model Code

6	3.2-8	Dishonesty, Fraud when Client an Organization	Clarifies the 'chain of command' within the organization and who the lawyer should advise. Addition strengthens section 3.7 which is the rule on withdrawing from representation, and specifically, rule 3.7-7 on obligatory withdrawal; provides that such a situation with an organization is one such situation in which the lawyer must withdraw from representation. Basis: FLSC Model Code
7	3.2-8	Dishonesty, Fraud when Client an	Added: "Such conduct includes acts of omission."
	Commentary [2]	Organization: Fraudulent, Criminal or Illegal Conduct	Basis: Manitoba's Code of Conduct
8	3.2-8	Dishonesty, Fraud when Client an	Clarify whom within the organization the lawyer must advise of the misconduct and set out
	Commentary [5]	Organization: Advising Client and	the expected course of action.
		Withdrawal	Basis: FLSC Model Code
9	3.7-1	Withdrawal from Representation:	Deleted; Covered in 3.7-7A "Leave a Law Firm"
	Commentary [4]	When Law Firm is Dissolved	Basis: FLSC Model Code
10	3.7-7A &	Leaving a Law Firm: Steps when	Expanded 3.7-1 Commentary [4]; Basis: FLSC Model Code
	37.7B	Lawyer leaves a Law Firm	
11	4.1-1	Right to Decline Representation	Added: "particularly if the probable result would be to make it difficult for a person to
	Commentary		obtain legal advice or representation."
	[4]		Basis: FLSC Model Code
12	5.1-2	Lawyer as Advocate: What a Lawyer Must Not Do	Added: "(b) knowingly assist or permit a client to do anything that the lawyer considers to be dishonest or dishonourable;" strengthens professional ethics by extending that duty to the dishonourable conduct of a client. Basis: FLSC Model Code
13	5.1-2A	Incriminating Physical Evidence	Added: "The lawyer's advice to a client that the client has the right to refuse to divulge the
	Commentary [5]		location of physical evidence does not constitute hindering an investigation"; clarifies
			permissible advice that a lawyer may give to a client that will not violate rule 5.1-2A  Basis: FLSC Model Code
14	5.1-5	Courtesy	The addition of this rule is positive and strengthens the expected candour and demeanor of
14	3.1-3	Courtesy	professionals. Basis: FLSC Model Code
15	5.3	Interviewing a Witness	Deleted; redundant with Rule 5.4-1
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16	6.1-3 Commentary [3]	Delegation: Electronic submission or registration of documents	Limited the application of the rule to real estate transactions; Basis: FLSC Model Code
17	6.1-6 Commentary [2]	Delegation: Use of personalized encrypted electronic access by paralegals/non-lawyers	Limited the application of the rule to real estate transactions; Basis: FLSC Model Code
18	7.1-4	Encouraging Client to Report Dishonest Conduct	Changed from "Misconduct" to "Dishonest Conduct"; deleted associated commentary which refers to a rule that does not exist; Basis: FLSC Model Code
19	7.2-10 & Commentary	Inadvertent Communications	Amendment broadens the rule to include any document, which includes communications and more (beyond privileged communication). This amendment reflects advances in technology and the increasing frequency to which documentary evidence and other documents are shared. Basis: FLSC Model Code
20	7.8-5	Errors and Omissions: Lawyer's Duty to Pay Balance	New rule; makes it clear that if a lawyer has a deductible to pay, it should pay it when the insurer is prepared to pay. In this way, the harmed party can be made whole as soon as possible. Basis: FLSC Model Code