

**GUIDELINE 22:  
THE LAW SOCIETY AND ITS DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY**

**General**

**Rule Reference: Rule 9.01 (10) – (13)  
Rule 1.03(f)**

1. A paralegal may be disciplined by the Law Society for either professional misconduct or for conduct unbecoming a paralegal.
2. Examples of conduct unbecoming a paralegal include a paralegal's conviction of a criminal offence or a finding or sanction imposed on the paralegal by a tribunal or licensing body.
3. The *Rules* cannot address every situation. As such, a paralegal is required to follow both the "letter" and the "spirit" of the *Rules*. The "letter" of the rule is the meaning of the rule as it is written. The "spirit" of the rule is the sense of the rule or the meaning or importance of the rule, even though it may not be explicit or stated in the written version of the *Rule*.