

Excerpted from February 2014 Paralegal Standing Committee Report to Convocation

TAB 5.1

AMENDMENTS TO THE *PARALEGAL RULES: MODEL CODE*

Motion

2. **That Convocation approve the amendments to the *Paralegal Rules of Conduct* shown at [TAB 5.1.1](#).**

Background

3. On June 27th 2013, Convocation approved amendments to the lawyers' *Rules of Professional Conduct*, in light of the *Model Code* developed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC).
4. It is now appropriate to consider corresponding changes to the *Paralegal Rules*. The Committee and Convocation have taken the position that the two sets of rules should be broadly consistent.
5. The target date for the amended rules for both lawyers and paralegals to be in force is October 2014.
6. The proposed amendments to the *Paralegal Rules* have been drafted to be consistent with the amendments to the lawyers' rules, and follow the same wording wherever possible¹. The draft with the proposed amendments is shown at **TAB 5.1.1**.

The Committee's Deliberations

7. The Committee considered the proposed amendments at the meetings in January and February, and approved them for incorporation into the *Paralegal Rules*.

¹ The lawyers' Rules, as approved by Convocation in October 2013, had been reviewed by the Law Society's external drafter, Don Revell.