

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SINGAPORE**

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2001

APPLICATIONS FOR PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to the amendments to the Legal Profession Act (Cap 161) in 2000, the range of legal organisations in Singapore now includes Law Corporations, Joint Law Ventures, and Formal Law Alliances. Consequential amendments to Form 26 ("Application for a Practising Certificate") and Form 27 ("Request by a Solicitor for Leave to sign an Application for a Practising Certificate on behalf of another Solicitor") are necessary as a corollary.

- 2 There have also been slight modifications to the procedure for applying for practising certificates electronically via the Practising Certificate Electronic Filing System ("PC E-filing System"). These changes are in respect of the category of lawyers who may submit their applications electronically, and the procedure for collecting the Personal Identification Numbers needed for accessing the System.
- 3 This practice direction is accordingly issued by the Registrar pursuant to Rule 4 of the Legal Profession (Practising Certificate) Rules under the direction of the Honourable the Chief Justice to implement these amendments to the Legal Profession Act and the application procedure under the PC E-Filing System.
- 4 This practice direction will come into effect on 19 February 2001.
- 5 This practice direction should be included in *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (1997 Ed.)* immediately before the first page of the table of contents. Instructions for effecting the amendments to *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (1997 Ed.)* are contained in the Appendix hereto.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2001.

CHIAM BOON KENG
REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT