

THE LAW SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION 8.3.1

[Formerly PDR 2013, para 36; PDR 1989, chap 1, para 27]

COMMUNICATION WITH FORMER CLIENT

As between members of the profession, one's word should be one's bond and a legal practitioner's word should be accepted as such by other legal practitioners unless there is strong ground to doubt the integrity of that legal practitioner.

In normal circumstances, it should not be necessary to obtain confirmation from one's former client before parting with money or property or document of a former client to the new legal practitioner that he/she has instructed to act for him/her. It is improper for a former legal practitioner to communicate with the client who has left him/her which would amount to a breach of rule 7 of the Legal Profession (Professional Conduct) Rules 2015 (S 706/2015), even if the communication is only with the view to obtaining confirmation of what the other legal practitioner has written to that legal practitioner.

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