



Practice Direction

1. It has come to my attention that some law firms are engaging unemployed legal practitioners with valid Practising Certificates, on an ad hoc basis. In light of this and in accordance with section 129(7) of the Legal Practitioners Act 2009 , I make the following directives:
 - i. Any unemployed legal practitioner must not receive instructions and or monies directly from clients unless such instructions and monies are first received through the Principal or Partner of an instructing law firm.
 - ii. The Principal or Partner of the instructing law firm must ensure that appropriate receipts in the name of the instructing law firm are properly issued to clients.
 - iii. An unemployed legal practitioner must inform the Legal Practitioners Unit in writing immediately in the event that he or she has received instructions to act from the Principal or Partner of an instructing law firm. Unemployed practitioners who receive monies and instructions to act from law firms must submit to the Legal Practitioners Unit a monthly list of all matters/work undertaken including the instructing law firm, or Principal, or Partner for each matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yohan Liyanage', written over a dotted line.

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Yohan Liyanage
Chief Registrar, Judicial Department
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