AMENDMENT INSTRUMENT

INSTRUMENT AMENDING THE LAW INSTITUTE OF VICTORIA LIMITED SCHEME
Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic)

PREAMBLE

A. The Law Institute of Victoria Limited ("the LIV") is a voluntary occupational association for legal practitioners (solicitors) in Victoria.

B. The Law Institute of Victoria Scheme ("the Scheme") commenced on 1 July 2010.

C. This instrument of amendment has been prepared by the LIV under s18 of the Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic) ("the Act") to amend the Scheme.

AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEME

1. This instrument to amend the Scheme under s18 of the Act is prepared by the LIV, whose business address is 470 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Operation of the Scheme in multiple jurisdictions

1.1 Insert a new item E in the Preamble to the Scheme as follows:

   The Scheme is intended to operate as a scheme of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

1.2 Amend existing items E, F and G in the Preamble to the Scheme to become items F, G and H respectively.

Reduction of the lower monetary ceiling in the Scheme to $1.5 million from $2 million

1.3 Delete the phrase "$2 million" from clause 3.1.2 of the Scheme and substitute with the phrase "$1.5 million".

1.4 Delete the words "described in the fourth column of the table in clause 3.3 "from clause 3.2.1 of the Scheme.

1.5 Delete the fourth column from the table in clause 3.3 of the Scheme.

1.6 Delete the phrase "$2 million" from the second row of the table in clause 3.3 of the Scheme and substitute with the phrase "$1.5 million".

Application of the Scheme to incorporated legal practices as members of the LiV

1.7 Between the definitions of "Full Member" and "Law Practice" in clause 1.2 of the Scheme, insert a definition of "Incorporated Legal Practice" which provides:
Incorporated Legal Practice” means a corporation within the category of incorporated legal practice membership as contemplated in the LIV’s constitution (as amended from time to time):

1.8 Insert a new clause 2.1.2 into clause 2.1 of the Scheme which provides that the Scheme applies to:

Incorporated Legal Practices;

1.9 Amend existing clause 2.1.2 of the Scheme to become clause 2.1.3;

1.10 Amend existing clause 2.1.3 of the Scheme to become clause 2.1.4;

1.11 Insert a new clause 2.1.5 into clause 2.1 of the Scheme which provides:

All corporations to whom clause 2.1.2 applied at the Relevant Time but no longer applies;

1.12 Amend existing clause 2.1.4 of the Scheme to become clause 2.1.6 and amend to provide:

All persons to whom clause 2.1.3 applied at the Relevant Time but no longer applies.

1.13 Amend clause 2.3 of the Scheme to provide:

A person or corporation referred to in clause 2.1 may, on application, be exempted from participation in the Scheme by the LIV. This clause does not apply to persons to whom the Scheme applies by virtue of ss20 or 21 of the Act.

1.14 Amend clause 3.1.2 of the Scheme to provide:

to the extent those Damages exceed $1.5 million for Participating Members in Class 1 or Class 2 of the table in clause 3.3, or as the case may be, $10 million for Participating Members in Class 3 or Class 4 of the table in clause 3.3.

1.15 Amend the table below clause 3.3 to include a new class 2, the description of which provides:

Any Participating Member which was at the Relevant Time an Incorporated Legal Practice consisting of up to and including 20 Principals and where the Law Practice generated Total Annual Fee Income for the Financial Year at the Relevant Time up to and including $10 million.

1.16 Insert into the third column to align with the text for the new class 2 the following phrase:

$1.5 million

1.17 Amend existing class 2 in the table below clause 3.3 to become class 3;

1.18 Amend the table below clause 3.3 to include a new class 4, the description of which provides:
a. Any Participating Member which was at the Relevant Time an Incorporated Legal Practice consisting of greater than 20 Principals; or

b. Any Participating Member which was at the Relevant Time a Law Practice where the Law Practice generated Total Annual Fee Income for the Financial Year at the Relevant Time greater than $10 million.

1.19 Insert into the third column to align with the text for the new class 4 the following phrase:

$10 million

1.20 Delete the words "him or her" in clause 4.1 of the Scheme and substitute with the words "him, her or it".

**Duration of the Amended LIV Scheme**

1.21 Amend Item F (amended to become item G under clause 1.2 of this instrument) of the Preamble to the Scheme to provide:

Subject to s34 of the Act, the Scheme is intended to remain in force after its commencement in all applicable jurisdictions until 30 June 2015.

1.22 Amend clause 5.1 of the Scheme to provide:

Subject to s34 of the Act, the Scheme will be in force after its commencement in all applicable jurisdictions until 30 June 2015.

**COMMENCEMENT**

2. The amendments to the Scheme made by this instrument will commence on the date two months after publication of the instrument in the Government Gazette.
LAW INSTITUTE OF VICTORIA LIMITED SCHEME
Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic)

PREAMBLE

A. The Law Institute of Victoria Limited ("the LIV") is a voluntary occupational association for legal practitioners (solicitors) in Victoria.

B. The LIV has made an application to the Professional Standards Council ("Council"), appointed under the Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic) ("the Act") for approval of a scheme under the Act, and this document comprises the scheme ("the Scheme").

C. The Scheme has been prepared by the LIV for the purposes of limiting Occupational Liability of Participating Members to the extent to which such liability may be limited under the Act.

D. The Scheme is to apply to all Participating Members.

E. The Scheme is intended to operate as a scheme of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

F. The LIV has furnished the Council with a detailed list of the risk management strategies intended to be implemented in respect of its Participating Members and the means by which those strategies are intended to be implemented.

G. Subject to s34 of the Act, the Scheme is intended to remain in force after its commencement in all applicable jurisdictions until 30 June 2015.

H. The Scheme commences on 1 July 2010.

LAW INSTITUTE OF VICTORIA SCHEME

1. Preparation of the Scheme

1.1. This Scheme is a scheme under the Act prepared by the LIV, whose business address is 470 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

1.2. Relevant definitions for the purpose of this Scheme are as follows:

*Australian Practising Certificate* has the same meaning as it has in the Legal Profession Act 2004 (Vic);

*Corporate Legal Practitioner* has the same meaning as it has in the Legal Profession Act 2004 (Vic);

"Court" has the same meaning as it has in the Act;

"Damages" has the same meaning as it has in the Act;

"Financial Year" means a financial accounting period ending 30 June;
“Full Member” means a person within the category of full membership of the LIV as contemplated in the LIV’s constitution (as amended from time to time);

“Incorporated Legal Practice” means a corporation within the category of incorporated legal practice membership as contemplated in the LIV’s constitution (as amended from time to time);

“Law Practice” has the same meaning as it has in the Legal Profession Act 2004 (Vic);

“Occupational Liability” has the same meaning as it has in the Act¹;

“Participating Members” means those persons specified in clause 2.1 of the Scheme;

“Principal” has the same meaning as it has in the Legal Profession Act 2004 (Vic);

“Relevant Time” refers to a cause of action founded on an act or omission, specifically to the time of that act or omission occurring; and

“Total Annual Fee Income” means the amount charged during a Financial Year for services provided by or on behalf of a Law Practice some of whose members are Participating Members.

2. Persons to whom the Scheme applies

2.1. The Scheme applies to:

2.1.1. Full Members who hold a current Australian Practising Certificate who are not excluded or exempted under clauses 2.2. or 2.3. of the Scheme;

2.1.2. Incorporated Legal Practices;

2.1.3. all persons to whom, by virtue of ss20, 21 or 22 of the Act², the Scheme applies;

2.1.4. all persons to whom clause 2.1.1. applied at the Relevant Time but no longer applies;

2.1.5. all corporations to which clause 2.1.2. applied at the Relevant Time but no longer applies;

2.1.6. all persons to whom clause 2.1.3 applied at the Relevant Time but no longer applies.

2.2. A person referred to in clause 2.1 does not include a Corporate Legal Practitioner.

¹ Section 5(1) of the Act provides that the Act does not apply to liability for damages arising from the death of a personal injury to a person, any negligence or other fault of an Australian legal practitioner in acting for a client in a personal injury claim; or breach of trust or fraud or dishonesty. Section 5(2) of the Act also provides that the Act does not apply to liability, which may be the subject of proceedings under s110 of the Transfer of Land Act 1956 (Vic).
² Sections 20 and 21 of the Act provide that if the Scheme applies to a body corporate, the Scheme also applies to each officer of the body corporate and if the Scheme applies to a person, the Scheme also applies to each partner of a person, and if the Scheme applies to a person, the Scheme also applies to each employee of that person, provided that if such officer of the corporation or partner of the person or employee of the person is entitled to be a member of the same occupational association, such officer, partner or employee is a member of the occupational association. Section 22 provides that the Scheme also applies to other persons prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of s 31(4) as being associated with persons to whom a scheme applies.
2.3 A person or corporation referred to in clause 2.1 may, on application, be exempted from participation in the Scheme by the LIV. This clause does not apply to persons to whom the Scheme applies by virtue of ss20 or 21 of the Act.

3. Limitation of liability

3.1. The Scheme limits the Occupational Liability of a Participating Member for Damages:

3.1.1. arising from a single cause of action founded on the act or omission; and

3.1.2. to the extent those Damages exceed $1.5 million for Participating Members in Class 1 or Class 2 of the table in clause 3.3, or as the case may be, $10 million for Participating Members in Class 3 or Class 4 of the table in clause 3.3.

3.2. If a Participating Member against whom a proceeding relating to Occupational Liability is brought is able to satisfy the Court that –

3.2.1. the Participating Member has the benefit of an insurance policy or policies insuring him or her against the Occupational Liability to which the cause of action relates; and

3.2.2. the amount payable under the policy or policies in respect of that Occupational Liability is not less than the amount of the monetary ceiling (maximum amount of liability) specified in the third column of the table in clause 3.3 as applying to such Participating Member to which the cause of action relates –

the Participating Member is not liable in Damages in relation to that cause of action above the amount of that monetary ceiling.

3.3. The monetary ceiling applicable for the purposes of limitation of liability under the Scheme at the Relevant Time is to be determined according to the table below –

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3 Damages as defined in s4 of the Act means:
   a. damages awarded in respect of a claim or counter-claim or by way of set-off; or
   b. costs in or in relation to the proceedings ordered to be paid in connection with such an award (other than costs incurred in enforcing a judgment or incurred on an appeal made by a defendant); or
   c. any interest payable on the amount of those damages or costs.

4 Section 4(2) of the Act provides that a reference in the Act “to the amount payable under an insurance policy in respect of an occupational liability” includes a reference to – defence costs payable in respect of a claim, or notification that may lead to a claim (other than reimbursement of the defendant for the time spent in relation to the claim), but only if those costs are payable out of the one sum insured under the policy in respect of the occupational liability; and the amount payable under or in relation to the policy by way of excess.

However, see also s 22A of the Act and its note, which has the effect that s 4(2) does not reduce the cap on the liability of the Participating Member to the client.
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4. **Conferral of discretionary authority**

4.1 The LIV has discretionary authority, on application by a Participating Member, to specify in relation to the Participating Member, a higher maximum amount of liability (monetary ceiling) than would otherwise apply under the Scheme in relation to him, her or it either in all cases or in any specified case or class of case.

4.2 If, in the exercise of its discretion under clause 4.1, the LIV has specified a higher maximum amount of liability (monetary ceiling) than would otherwise apply under the Scheme in relation to a Participating Member, the maximum amount of liability (monetary ceiling) in relation to that Participating Member is that higher maximum amount.

5. **Duration**

5.1 Subject to s34 of the Act, the Scheme will be in force after its commencement in all applicable jurisdictions until 30 June 2015.