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Governor-General.

10th December, 2010.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

No. 14 of 2010

AN ACT to amend the Legal Profession Act, No. 33 of 2008.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Legal Profession (Amendment) Act, 2010.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act, the expression “Act” means the Legal Profession Act, No. 33 of 2008.

3. Amendment of section 9.

The Act is amended in section 9 subsection (2) by inserting immediately after the expression “subsection (1)” the words “and with the exception of attendance and voting at the first meeting of the Association and elections of the first Council elected at that meeting, only practitioner members who pay the annual subscription to the Association shall be eligible”.

~~.....~~**4. Amendment of section 12.**

The Act is amended in section 12 subsection (2) by replacing the expression “1st October in each year” with the expression “1st January in each year after the year in which the Act comes into effect”.

5. Amendment of section 29(2).

The Act is amended in section 29 by inserting immediately after paragraph (b) the following new paragraph

“(c) for the monitoring and verification of compliance by attorneys at-law with the requirements of the said rules.”.

6. Introduction of New Section.

The Legal Profession Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 47 thereof the following new section as follows:

“48. Minister may Amend Schedules

The Minister may, by Order amend Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of this Act.”

7. Amendment of Schedule 1.

Schedule I is amended as follows:

(a) by adding after paragraph 4 a new paragraph as follows:

“First Meeting of Association”

- (1) The first meeting of the Association shall be convened by notice given by the Registrar and published in the Gazette and in two issues of a newspaper circulated daily or weekly in St. Kitts and Nevis. The meeting shall be convened for a date not less than twenty one days after the first publication of the notice in the newspaper.
- (2) The sole purpose of the first meeting shall be nomination and election of a President, Vice President and Treasurer and the ordinary members of the Council. The Council so elected shall hold office until the officers of the Association and ordinary members of the Council are elected in the year 2012.
- (3) The first meeting shall be chaired by an attorney-at-law appointed for the purpose by the Registrar.
- (4) A quorum for the first meeting shall be twenty practitioner members.
- (5) Voting at the first meeting shall be conducted by a ballot system approved by the Registrar.
- (6) Nominations of candidates for elections at the first meeting shall be made at the meeting.
- (7) The Registrar may give directions as to any other procedural matters in respect of the first meeting.”.

(b) in paragraph 26(2) (f) by changing “fifty” to “fifteen.”

8. Amendment of Schedule 3.

Schedule 3 of the Act is amended by replacing the expression “16” with the expression “14”.

CURTIS A. MARTIN

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Speaker

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Passed by the National Assembly this 25th day of November, 2010.

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JOSÉ LLOYD

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*Clerk of the
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