

*The Law Society of*



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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE LAW SOCIETY**  
Brunei Darussalam

**BY E-MAIL ONLY**

Dear Members,

**RE: LAW SOCIETY CIRCULAR NO.1 OF 2026**

1. We write with reference to the Law Society Circular No. 2 of 2022 to inform members of a revision to the guidelines relating to Petitions for Admission as follows:

**CERTIFICATES OF GOOD CHARACTER**

As stated in Law Society Circular No. 2 of 2022, the Law Society takes the position that the certifying person must have known the Petitioner for a period of **at least two (2) years**.

In addition to the above, the Law Society takes the position that **immediate family members may not act as certifying persons** for the Certificate of Good Character. This includes the Petitioner's parents, spouse, and siblings.

Members are advised to ensure that certifying persons meet both the minimum period of acquaintance and the independence requirement as outlined above.

2. Additionally, law firms are advised to ensure that all Petitions for Admission and Affidavits in Support correctly cite the applicable law, following the revision of the Legal Profession (Practice and Etiquette) Rules (previously cited as the Legal Profession (Practice and Etiquette) Rules 2015).
3. We thank members for their attention to the revision and for ensuring compliance with the updated requirements when submitting Petitions for Admission.

Yours faithfully,

**Dato Seri Paduka Haji Awang Ahmad bin Pehin Orang Kaya**  
**Laila Setia Bakti Diraja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa**  
President  
The Law Society of Brunei Darussalam