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Professionalism Case Studies

Participation in study groups consisting of two or more Law Society members qualifies as an eligible activity under the Continuing Professional Development Requirement. The Law Society's Case Studies on Professionalism are designed to provide a suggested basis for study group discussion sessions on professional responsibility, ethics and practice management and are offered as a resource to members at no charge.

Each case study is a description of an actual situation (with the names and other details disguised to protect confidentiality), and involves a professional responsibility, ethics or practice management ("professionalism") decision, challenge, opportunity or issue faced by a lawyer or paralegal. Study group participants will be expected to put themselves in the position of the decision maker in the case to identify and analyze the legal, professional and personal challenges he or she faces. They will also be asked to develop alternatives and an action plan for resolving the issues in accordance with the lawyer or paralegal's professional obligations under the *Rules of Professional Conduct* or *Paralegal Rules of Conduct*. Case study discussions can range from 1 – 3 hours in length, depending on the complexity of the case.

The Law Society recommends that members who wish to participate in a study group appoint one group member to act as the facilitator for the discussion session. Cases and guides for participants are available on the website. Guides for facilitators are available upon request by e-mailing rc@lsuc.on.ca and include learning objectives, suggested topics and sample discussion questions. They do not offer the answers to the questions. It is the responsibility of the individual study group members to analyze the issues, generate alternatives and develop an action plan to address the problems presented in the cases in accordance with the Rules.

We welcome your feedback on the case studies and invite you to send us any practice tips that arise from your study group discussion sessions to The Law Society of Upper Canada, Professional Development & Competence Department at rc@lsuc.on.ca or by fax at 416-947-3370.