



**LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO APPLICATION TO RETURN TO PRACTICE
WHEN LICENCE IN ABEYANCE
UNDER SUBSECTION 31(2) OF *THE LAW SOCIETY ACT***

PART A – APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant’s Full Name:

Law Society Number:

2. HOME CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Address including Postal Code:

Telephone/Mobile:

Email:

3. BUSINESS CONTACT INFORMATION

Business/Employer Name and Address:

Telephone/Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

NOTE: By-Law 8 requires licensees to notify the Law Society immediately after any change in the above contact information

4. I plan to perform the following work when my licence is restored:

(Circle **ONE** response and provide the effective date below)

- a) Sole practitioner in a law firm
- b) Partner in a law firm
- c) Employee/associate in a law firm
- d) Employed in education
- e) Employed in government
- f) In-house Counsel
- g) Employed other (provide details)
- h) Employed other outside of Ontario (provide details)
- i) Other (provide details)

Effective Date (Month/Day/Year):

5a. Please provide the date you ceased to hold office as a full-time judge of any federal, provincial or territorial court, or as full-time master of the Superior Court of Justice, as a full-time case management master, or as a full-time prothonotary of the Federal Court of Canada or as a full-time member of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Date (Month/Day/Year):

5b. Reason for ceasing to hold that office:

5c. Did you resign from office or were you removed from office following an allegation of:

- i) conduct that was incompatible with the due execution of the office;
- ii) failure to perform the duties of the office; or
- iii) conduct that, if done by a licensee, would be professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a licensee.

YES NO

If YES, please provide an explanation:

PART B – SECTION 7.7 OF THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

All applicants must read Section 7.7 of the *Rules of Professional Conduct* before signing this application.

Application to Supreme Court of Canada, Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Appeal and Superior Court Judges

7.7-1.1 Rule 7.7-1.2 applies to a lawyer who was formerly a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Federal Court of Appeal, or the Superior Court of Justice and who

- (a) has retired, resigned, or been removed from the Bench; and
- (b) has returned to practice.

Appearance as Counsel or Advocate

7.7-1.2 A lawyer to whom this Rule applies shall not appear as counsel or advocate in any court, or in chambers, or before any administrative board or tribunal without the express approval of a panel of the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal. This approval may only be granted in exceptional circumstances and may be restricted as the panel sees fit.

Application to other Judges

7.7-1.3 Rule 7.7-1.4, applies to a lawyer who was formerly a judge of the Federal Court, the Tax Court of Canada, the Supreme Court of Ontario, Trial Division, a County or District Court, or the Ontario Court of Justice and who

- (b) who has retired, resigned, or been removed from the Bench; and
- (c) who has returned to practice.

Appearance as Counsel or Advocate

7.7-1.4 A lawyer to whom this rule applies shall not appear as counsel or advocate

- (a) before the court on which he or she served as a judge or before any lower court; or
- (b) before any administrative board or tribunal over which the court on which the judge served exercised an appellate or judicial review jurisdiction

for a period of three years from the date of their retirement, resignation, or removal, without the express approval of a panel of the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal, which approval may only be granted in exceptional circumstances and may be restricted as the panel sees fit.

PART C – AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby authorize the Law Society of Ontario to make inquiries of any person or government, any official or body, about my background or character. I will provide any additional specific authorization or any release that is required for the purpose of enabling the Law Society of Ontario to process this application.

I acknowledge that I have read Section 7.7 of the *Rules of Professional Conduct*, which is set out in PART B of this application.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Questions about this application should be directed to the Client Service Centre by calling 416-947-3315 and asking to be transferred, or emailing cscadmin@lso.ca

**Mail to: Law Society of Ontario, Client Service Centre
Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St W, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N6**