

**INSTRUMENT AMENDING THE
VICTORIAN BAR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME**

PREAMBLE

- A. The Victorian Bar Inc is an occupational association;
- B. The Victorian Bar Professional Standards Scheme (the Scheme) commenced on 1 July 2008;
- C. This instrument of amendment is prepared, pursuant to section 18 of the *Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic)* by Victorian Bar Inc for the purposes of amending the Victorian Bar Professional Standards Scheme.

AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEME

- 1. This instrument has been prepared under the *Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic)* (the Act) by the Victorian Bar Inc whose registered address is 205 William Street Melbourne and amends the Victorian Bar Professional Standards Scheme as follows:
 - (a) In recital C by inserting after the words “Victorian Bar” where first appearing the words “Professional Standards”;
 - (b) In recital E, by substituting “1,772” for “1,727”;
 - (c) In recital F –
 - (i) by deleting subparagraph (c) and re-lettering subparagraphs (d), (e) and (f) as subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e);
 - (ii) by substituting for subparagraphs (g) to (r) both inclusive the following -
 - “(f) To arrange training for Bar Readers and regulate entry to membership of the Bar;

- (g) To arrange and promote Continuing Professional Development;
 - (h) To promote the resolution of disputes by mediation, arbitration and other appropriate methods of alternative dispute resolution;
 - (i) To perform such functions as may be assigned, permitted, referred or delegated to the Victorian Bar by or under legislation regulating the legal profession or the practice of law;
 - (j) To seek to ensure that as far as practicable chambers are available for counsel;
 - (k) To seek to promote the welfare of members of the Victorian Bar;
 - (l) To promote the rule of law including the proper administration of justice; and
 - (m) Without limiting (l), to make recommendations with respect to legislation, law reform, rules of court and the business and procedure of courts.”
- (d) In clause 1(1), by deleting “(the Scheme)”;
 - (e) In paragraph (a) of clause 3(1), by deleting the word “clause” immediately before “3(2)”;
 - (f) By substituting for the words “shall commence” in clause 6(1) the words “commenced” and inserting after the words and figures “1 July 2008” the words –

“and the amended scheme shall commence in a State or Territory on the date which is 2 months after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette of that State or Territory.”

(g) By inserting the following after clause 6(1) –

“7. Territorial application of the Scheme

- (1) The scheme is intended to operate as a scheme of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.”

COMMENCEMENT

2. The amendment shall commence in a State or Territory on the date which is 2 months after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette of that State or Territory.