

Practice Rules Compliance Committee

Practice Standard

Signature Stamps and Electronic Signatures on Trust Cheques

Law Society Rules – Part V, Uniform Trust Account Rules

Withdrawals and transfers from trust accounts - Rule 5.04

(5)(e) to be signed by a member

(Rule 5.04(5)(e): Adopted Summer Term Convocation, June 9, 2006)

The Practice Rules Compliance Committee has been informed that some members are using signature stamps for the signing of trust cheques. Members are reminded that the use of signature stamps on trust cheques is in violation of Rule 5.04(5)(e) of the Uniform Trust Account Rules and is therefore prohibited. Similarly, the use of electronic signatures on trust cheques is also prohibited.

Members are directed to adhere to the practice standard prescribed by the Law Society Rules.

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