

# **Complaints Authorization Committee**

## ***Practice Standard***

### **Members Convicted of Criminal Offences**

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The Complaints Authorization Committee has adopted the following guideline to be applied to complaints about members convicted of criminal offences: on a first time conviction, a member will be requested to provide an explanation; the explanation will be considered by the Complaints Authorization Committee in its determination of whether a presumptive case of professional misconduct exists. For subsequent convictions within a three year period, the Complaints Authorization Committee shall refer the matter to the Discipline Committee for investigation and hearing. The Complaints Authorization Committee also recommends that the practice of self-reporting should be followed. Accordingly, members are obliged to report criminal charges against them to the Law Society.