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STANDARD OF PRACTICE IN CONVEYANCING

1. The Law Society notes that conveyancing remains one of the top three areas of practice attracting the highest number of claims notified to the Professional Indemnity Scheme over the last five years. Members should take note that although a solicitor and a client may negotiate a fee under section 56 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) ("LPO"), members should ensure that the quality of advice and legal service rendered shall adhere to the professional guidelines and standard regardless of the level of fees to be charged.
2. Members should note that, irrespective of the fee levels they are charging, they owe their clients a duty to be competent to perform any legal services undertaken on the client's behalf ([Principle 6.01 \(a\)](#), The Hong Kong Solicitors' Guide To Professional Conduct).

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CONVEYANCING FEES

1. The Council has reviewed Circular 97-270(SG) dated 1 September 1997 on Conveyancing Fees in light of the experience of its application in the last 20 years and the introduction of the Competition Ordinance (Cap.619).
2. The Council wishes to re-affirm the paramount principle of freedom of fee negotiation under Section 56 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap.159). Following the above review, the Council has decided to repeal Circular 97-270(SG).

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